LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING

May 4-5, 1989

DON HINES

Chairman

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

May 4-5, 1989

Chairman Don Hines presiding:

Thursday, May 4, 1989

James Jenkins, Jr.
Bert Jones
Norman McCall
Joe Palmisano
Warren Pol
Dale Vinet

Chairman Don Hines presiding:

Friday, May 5, 1989

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Ms. Virginia Van Sickle was also present.

The minutes of the regular monthly meeting of April 6-7, 1989 were unanimously approved at Thursday's meeting with a motion from Mr. Palmisano and seconded by Mr. McCall.

Hugh Bateman presented a resolution to set the 1989-90 Resident Game Hunting Seasons. Mr. Bateman pointed out some significant changes from last year and presented a slide series. Mr. Palmisano moved to accept the resolution, seconded by Mr. McCall which was unanimously approved. Mr. Vinet requested an amendment to the turkey season, which was seconded by Mr. Jones and was unanimously approved. Mr. Palmisano offered an amendment to the deer season in Area 1, extend to the 16th with or without dogs and in Area 2 to January 3rd, with or without dogs, and Area 3 to January 3rd which was seconded by Mr. McCall and passed unanimously.

(The full text of the resolution is made a part of the record)

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and

possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by RS. 56:115(A), and

- WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and
- WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information and requests from sportsmen of the state, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Quail: Nov. 23-Feb. 28. Daily bag limit 10, possession 20. Rabbit: October 7-Feb. 28. Daily bag limit 8, possession 16. Squirrel: Oct. 7-Jan. 14. Daily bag limit 8, possession 16. Deer: One per day. 6 per season

Area 1 - 56 days

9 days still hunt only: Nov. 18-26

7 days still hunt only: Dec. 2-8 (muzzleloader only)

40 days with or without dogs: Dec. 9-Jan. 17

Area 2 - 56 days

23 days still hunt only: Nov. 4-26

7 days still hunt only: Dec. 2-8 (muzzleloader only)

26 days with or without dogs: Dec. 9-Jan. 3

Area 3 - 56 days

23 days still hunt only: Nov. 4-26

7 days still hunt only: Dec. 2-8 (muzzleloader only)

26 days still hunt only: Dec. 9-Jan. 3

Area 4 - 46 days

9 days still hunt only: Nov. 18-26

7 days still hunt only: Dec. 2-8 (muzzleloader only)

30 days still hunt only: Dec. 9-Jan. 7

Area 5 - 16 days

9 days still hunt only: Nov. 18-26

7 days still hunt only: Dec. 2-8 (muzzleloader only)

Turkey: One per day. 3 per season

Area A - 30 days. Mar. 31-Apr. 29

Area B - 37 days. Mar. 17-Apr. 22

Area C - 9 days. Apr. 21-29

At Thursday's meeting Mr. Richard Yancey commented on the turkey season to keep it the same as it has been, John Barton also commented on Area B of the turkey season. Mr. David Ellis asked the Commission to leave the turkey season as is. Mr. Martin Wood supported the request that the season remain as it always has been. Mr. John Kean also spoke in favor that the season be left alone. Mr. Bert Shiflet, a biologist who works in Area B and C stated that the season should remain the same. Mr. David Walker spoke in behalf of leaving the season as it is.

Mrs. Van Sickle stated that the Wild Turkey Federation requested that we have a later season. Danny Timmer stated that as much hunting opportunity as the population could stand should be provided.

Mr. Rick Woodley, Southeast representative for the Still Hunters Association stated that he heard there will be a survey conducted this year to determine how many dog hunters and still hunters there are. He had a petition from the Association. Mr. Jay Walker from Houma also had a petition to add to the names that he presented. Mr. Happy Tyler, President of the Louisiana Dog Hunters Association read a letter that he wanted to present to the Commission. He requested that the dog hunters have the Friday after Thanksgiving. Mr. David Dawson from Plaquemines Parish stated that the deer herd in the parish is better since dog hunting has been stopped, asked for trial night hunting in Salvador for frogs and to print in the pamphlet that it is a federal offense to kill birds of prey.

Corky Perret presented a resolution to open the inshore shrimp season. Mr. Palmisano read the resolution, seconded by Mr. Jones and was unanimously approved.

(The full text of the resolution is made a part of the record)

- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open shrimp seasons each year for all inside waters, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 further states these shrimp seasons shall be opened by Zone, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 further states these shrimp seasons shall be based upon biological and technical data, and
- WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has reviewed in public hearing the biological and technical data presented by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries on shrimp populations and environmental conditions present in Louisiana's coastal waters during the spring of 1989, and
- WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has received public testimony relative to this biological and technical data as well as other factors relative to the 1989 spring inshore shrimp season, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does:

- Hereby set the 1989 spring inshore shrimp season to open as follows:
 - a. In Zone 1, that portion of Louisiana's inside waters, as described in R.S. 56:495, from the Louisiana/Mississippi state line to South Pass of the Mississippi River at 6:00 AM on May 22, 1989.
 - b. In Zone 2, that portion of Louisiana's inside waters, as described in R.S. 56:495, from South Pass of the Mississippi River to the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island at 6:00 AM on May 22, 1989, and
 - c. In Zone 3, that portion of Louisiana's inside waters, as described in R.S. 56:495, from the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island to the Louisiana/Texas state line at 6:00 AM on June 5, 1989.
- 2. Authorize and empower the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries with concurrence of a majority of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission by phone to alter or close the 1989 spring inshore shrimp season in any area of Zone when the Marine Fisheries Division certifies that the biological and technical data indicates the need to do so.
- 3. Authorize and empower the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to set season extensions in areas or Zones when the Marine Fisheries Division certifies that the biological and technical data indicates the need to do so.
- 4. Provided that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall give a minimum of 72 hours notice prior to the closing of the 1989 spring inshore shrimp season or the opening or closing of any special shrimp season or season extensions.

Phil Bowman presented a Notice of Intent to modify the proposed rules for bait shrimping. The maximum permits issued is thirty. Mr. Vinet made a motion to approve the Notice of Intent, seconded by Mr. McCall and passed unanimously.

(The full text of the Notice of Intent is made a part of the record)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:950), and R.S. 56:497(C), the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission is hereby giving notice of its intention to adopt rules and regulations for a special bait dealer's permit which will allow the taking of live bait shrimp by qualified permit holders during the closed season between the spring and fall shrimp seasons.

A. Policy

The special bait dealer's permit is intended solely for the benefit of the recreational fishing public which desires to use live shrimp as bait during the closed season between the spring and fall shrimp season. Its purpose is to allow the uninterrupted operation of those commercial establishments which sell live bait shrimp to the fishing public during the spring and fall shrimp season. The permit is not intended for the direct use of recreational fishermen, charter boats, commercial fishermen who sell dead shrimp, or for any other entity which may wish to catch shrimp for their own use during the closed season.

B. Application

- 1. Application for the special bait dealer's permit will be accepted from January 1 through April 30.
- 2. Application will be accepted only from the owner of an existing business which sells or plans to sell live bait to recreational fishermen.
- 3. Application must be made on forms provided by the Department; all information requested must be provided before the application will be processed.
- 4. Applicant must show proof of having acquired all necessary licenses and permits before the permit will be issued. This included, if relevant, boat registration, vessel license, gear license, commercial fishing licenses, wholesale/retail dealers license, state sales tax number.
- 5. Applicant must post a \$1,000 cash bond or surety bond before the permit is issued. This bond will be forfeited if the permittee, his employee, or his contractor violates any provision of the rules and regulations concerning the special bait dealer's permit or if the permittee, his employee, or his contractor violates any commercial fishing law or regulation while operating under the permit. Property bonds are not acceptable.
- 6. Before the permit is issued an agent of the Department must inspect the facilities of the applicant and verify that the applicant is operating a commercial establishment which sells live shrimp to the fishing public for use as bait, and that the applicant does have the facilities to maintain live shrimp. Notice to the public must be posted that live bait shrimp are available for sale. The applicant must have onshore facilities, including tanks with a minimum capacity of 500 gallons, available to hold live shrimp. These tanks must have provisions for aeration and/or circulation of the water in which live shrimp are held prior to sale. In determining total tank capacity of onshore facilities, the agent shall not count any tank with a capacity of less than 50 gallons.

- 7. Only the applicant, his designated employee, or his contractor may operate under the permit. If the applicant has a contract with another party who will supply live bait shrimp to him, he must provide the Department written evidence of the agreement. At the time of application, the applicant will specify who will be working under the permit. Should these persons change, the aplicant will notify the Department in the manner specified by the permit before the new vessel or persons operate under the permit. The permit is not transferrable to any other person or vessel without previous notification to the Department in the manner specified by the permit.
- 8. Vessel operations under this permit shall be limited to areas specified by the Department in the permit. The applicant shall specify in his application the area in which he would like to operate.

C. Operations

- 1. Only the vessel listed in the permit can be used under the permit. Live wells, aeration tanks, and other vessel facilities to maintain live shrimp must be carried on or built into this vessel; it must be used for both taking and transporting the live shrimp. The vessel must have a minimum of one compartment or tank with a capacity of 50 gallons. No other vessel may be used under the permit. Signs which identify the vessel as working under a special bait dealer's permit shall be posted on the vessel and from the air; the word "BAIT" and the permit number shall be placed on these signs in letters at least 12 inches high.
- 2. Permitted gear is limited to one (1) trawl not to exceed 25 feet along the cork line; 33 feet along the lead line. This is the only gear which can be used or carried aboard the permitted vessel while the vessel is operating under permit; no other commercial fishing gear may be on the vessel when it is being used under permit.
- 3. No dead shrimp may be aboard the vessel while it is operating under the permit. All dead shrimp and all other organisms caught while taking live bait shrimp must be immediately returned to the water. Shrimp dying in onshore holding facilities may be sold for bait use only, in lots not to exceed 16 ounces in weight.
- 4. Bait shrimp may be taken only from sunrise to sunset; no night fishing is allowed under this permit.
- 5. The original permit must be in the possession of the person operating the vessel while it is engaged in taking shrimp under the terms of the permit.

- 6. Each time the permit is used the permittee must notify the Department in the manner specified by the permit. Before the vessel departs the dock under permit the Department must be advised of the time of departure and the general location in which trawling will take place; immediately after the permitted vessel returns to the dock the Department must be notified of its time of return.
- 7. The permittee shall maintain an up-to-date record of the activities conducted under permit on forms provided by the Department for that purpose. These forms shall be available for inspection by agents of the Department upon request by said agents. Permittee will submit to the Department, not later than September 1, the record of shrimp harvested under permit.

Bennie Fontenot presented a rule to ratify the SCUBA Gamefish regulation for Toledo Bend. Mr. Vinet made a motion to approve the rule, seconded by Mr. Jenkins which passed unanimously.

(The full text of the rule is made a part of the record)

Pursuant to the authority granted under Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 56, Section 320(E), the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby continues the special SCUBA gamefish season at Toledo Bend Reservoir, but deletes black bass from the list of gamefish eligible to be taken. The rules regulating the special scuba gamefish season as amended and re-enacted by the Commission are as follows:

- (1) The special season shall be limited to Toledo Bend Reservoir, and only in that part of the lake located south of Highway 6 (Pendleton Bridge) on the Louisiana side.
- (2) The special season shall be for four months beginning at sunrise on the first day of June and ending at sunset on the last day of September each year.
- (3) The taking of gamefish species shall be permitted during daylight hours only from sunrise to sunset.
- (4) Each diver harvesting gamefish is required to have a special permit issued by the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and the permit must be available for inspection upon request.
- (5) In addition to the special permit, the permit holder must have a valid Louisiana sportsfishing license.
- (6) Crappie and bream shall be the only gamefish species allowed to be taken.

- (7) The daily creel limit shall be 25 crappie and 50 bream; the possession limit shall be the same as the daily creel limit.
- (8) The scuba diver must be submerged in the water and use only standard underwater spearing equipment.
- (9) No permitted diver shall have in his possession (vessel or on his person) any other fishing gear.
- (10) Each permit holder shall submit to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a monthly report of gamefish taken, and other information requested on the forms supplied by the Department; the report deadline for a specific month shall on the 15th of the following month. All reports should be sent to Bennie Fontenot, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P. O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898. Each permit holder must submit the monthly report whether they fish or not.
- (11) A legal diving flag shall be conspicuously displayed while diving operations are taking place.
- (12) Permits will expire at the end of each season and shall be renewed on an annual basis.
- (13) Failure of the permittee to adhere to any of the above stipulations shall result in the revocation of the permit by the Secretary of the Department.
- (14) The Secretary of the Department shall be authorized to recall permits and/or to close the special season if deemed necessary.

Bennie Fontenot also presented a Notice of Intent to prohibit the use of fish nets in Lake Bistineau. Mr. Jones moved to accept the Notice of Intent, seconded by Mr. Jenkins which was unanimously approved.

(The full text of the Notice of Intent is made a part of the record)

Pursuant to the authority granted under Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 56, Section 22, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby expresses intent to prohibit the use of fish nets (gill nets, trammel nets, hoop nets, fish seines) in Lake Bistineau, Bossier and Webster Parishes, Louisiana. The net ban will become effective August 1, 1989.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proosed rule until 4:30 PM, July 14, 1989 at the following address: Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P. O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

At Friday's meeting Dr. Jerry Clark presented the fisheries management plans update to the Commission. Dr. Clark stated that the Department is

currently working on three plans: Largemouth Bass Plan, target date of January 1, 1990, a Black Drum Plan January 1, 1990, and we have currently submitted a MARFIN proposal to the National Marine Fisheries Service to fund a Shrimp Plan with a two year date. Related to these plans is a a statewide survey for recreational fishermen will be conducted. The survey will consist of attitudes and opinions, find out what people are doing in this state, what they want to do and how they are doing it and sometime in this calendar year we will begin the statewide survey to help implement the plans that we have. In addition to attitudes and opinions the survey will find out what people are fishing for, what their predominent species selections are, the kind of people that they are socialogical, how much economic impact they are having on the state, expenditures, gear that is being used, what they believe should be appropriate management tools that we use and what their preferences are with respect to those kind of tools. We are going to try to find out as much as we can about the people who fish in the state and what they think about fishing in the state. proposed to do an anonymous mail survey. The techniques for soliciting responses may vary; it will be a varied sort of questionnaire. questionnaire will be about 6-8 pages and questions will be from the exact age and family income to questions about do you strongly agree or disagree to questions like can you explain the qualities of the best fishing trip that you ever had and the qualities of the worst fishing trip you ever had. Previous surveys that Dr. Clark has initiated 75 percent response was received which is remarkable. The response showed that people care about fishing and the experience with these surveys have been very positive. There are a lot of reasons why people go fishing. Dr. Clark stated that the shrimp fishery is probably the most complex fishery we have in the state and a suggestion was made to do some economic analysis. kind of survey will be conducted on commercial fisheries. Most shrimpers who do this for a living would not mind paying more for a shrimp license in order to get better knowledge of what is going on in the shrimping industry.

Mrs. Van Sickle stated that the book that she passed out to each Commission member from the Fish and Wildlife Service. An unbiased source stated that 37 percent of the residents in Louisiana, six years and older, either hunt or fish. The contribution to the economy of those 16 years and older just for fishing and direct expenditures is \$597,000,000 and the contribution of hunting expenditures alone is \$326,000,000.

Mr. Bert Jones brought up the question about Caney Lake, which is a new reservoir. The Jackson Parish Watershed Commission passed a resolution to mandate rules on the lake. The Watershed Commission would like for the Department to acknowledge that they are able to do this and enforce their laws. He requested the status of this.

Bennie Fontenot stated that the Department is trying to establish a strong Florida bass population and a study is being made. He stated that the Department has enough data in the two-year study. The Commission has the authority to set limits if a research project will be conducted on the Lake or on border lakes to enter into reciprocal agreements.

Mrs. Van Sickle said that the Department has a bill that has been submitted to the Legislature that would give the Commission the authority to set creel limits, size limits, bag limits, seasons, quotas, for freshwater fish.

At Thursday's meeting Ms. Bettsie Baker presented the quarterly budget update. She stated as a preface to this the Wildlife Federation asked that the Department submit a quarterly update on the budget and it was decided to present this update to the Commission. Each Commission member was provided with a compilation showing the scrubbed budget.

At Thursday's meeting Winton Vidrine presented the law enforcement report for the month of April, 1989 and discussed each Region. When compared with April of last year there was an increase of a thousand cases.

Dr. Hines presented a resolution to amend the Bylaws of the Commission. Mr. Jenkins moved that the resolution be accepted, seconded by Mr. McCall and was unanimously approved.

(The full text of the resolution is made a part of the record)

- WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission were adopted on Tuesday, May 20, 1980, and
- WHEREAS, there have been changes such as the location of the principle office, and
- WHEREAS, the Bylaws require that a Notice of Intent to amend or alter the said Bylaws must be given in writing at a previous meeting of the Commission and that such proposed amendments shall be delivered at least 48 hours prior to consideration or action thereon, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that notice is given that the Commission shall consider amending its Bylaws at the next regularly scheduled meeting and that proper advance copies of proposed changes be delivered to each Commissioner at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at which they will be considered.
- Mr. J. B. Jones, Jr., lawyer from Cameron Parish represented Mr. Bob Perkins pertaining to a contract for a certain number of alligator hatchlings each year which was entered into with the Commission and Mr. Jones requested that the Commission act on this today. Mr. McCall made a motion to take this matter under advisement, get the material, look at it and meet before the next meeting. Mr. Palmisano seconded the motion and asked for a substitute motion to go ahead and take it under advisement and confer with the staff and the Legal Section with no time limit. Mr. McCall altered his motion, not to set a time limit. The motion passed unanimously.

The July meeting date was set for Thursday and Friday, July 6-7, 1989

at the Rockefeller Refuge in Grand Chenier with a motion from Mr. Palmisano. After some discussion it was decided to meet at Rockefeller.

Mr. McCall stated that there is a request for a special three day white shrimp season in Calcasieu Lake and he asked to hear from the biologists.

Corky Perret stated that when there is a substantial number of white shrimp a short season is recommended. When an early season is set for white shrimp they cannot be mixed in with brown shrimp. It was recommended at this time not to have a special white shrimp season. Mr. McCall moved that if the biological and technical data will support such a season, then the Secretary would have the authority with the concurrence of the Commission to set a special white shrimp season, seconded by Mr. Jones and passed unanimously.

Mr. Palmisano requested of the Game Division what effect, and we have a year to do it before we set the next hunting season or hold the public hearings, does dog hunting have on the deer population? He stated that he would like a study done.

Dr. Hines asked about the Saline Lake road. Bennie Fontenot said that the Legal Section had taken care of this and he would check and notify him on Monday.

Since there was no further business to come before the Commission or public comments, the meeting was adjourned with a motion from Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Palmisano which was unanimous.

Virginia Van Sickle

Secretary

AGENDA LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA May 4-5, 1989

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Approval of Minutes of April 6-7, 1989
- 3. Notice of Intent 1989-90 Resident Game Hunting Seasons Proposal
- 4. Opening of the Inshore Shrimp Season
- 5. Notice of Intent to Modify the Proposed Rules for Bait Shrimping
- 6. Ratification of the SCUBA Gamefish Rule
- 7. Notice of Intent Lake Bistineau Netting Discussion
- 8. Management Plans Update for the Commission
- 9. Quarterly Budget Update
- 10. Law Enforcement Report
- 11. Notice of Intent to Amend Bylaws of the Commission
- 12. J. B. Jones, Jr.
- 13. Set July Meeting Date

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RESOLUTION

THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, MAY 5, 1989.

- WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission were adopted on Tuesday, May 20, 1980, and
- WHEREAS, there have been changes such as the location of the principle office, and
- WHEREAS, the Bylaws require that a Notice of Intent to amend or alter the said Bylaws must be given in writing at a previous meeting of the Commission and that such proposed amendments shall be delivered at least 48 hours prior to consideration or action thereon, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that notice is given that the Commission shall consider amending its Bylaws at the next regularly scheduled meeting and that proper advance copies of proposed changes be delivered to each Commissioner at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at which they will be considered.

Don Hines, Chairman

RESOLUTION

Adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular meeting on May 5, 1989 in New Orleans, Louisiana, relative to the 1989 spring inshore shrimp season.

WHEREAS R.S. 56:497 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open shrimp seasons each year for all inside waters, and

WHEREAS R.S. 56:497 further states these shrimp seasons shall be opened by Zone, and

WHEREAS R.S. 56:497 further states these shrimp seasons shall be based upon biological and technical data, and

WHEREAS the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has reviewed in public hearing the biological and technical data presented by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries on shrimp populations and environmental conditions present in Louisiana's coastal waters during the spring of 1989, and

WHEREAS the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has received public testimony relative to this biological and technical data as well as other factors relative to the 1989 spring inshore shrimp season, now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does:

- 1. Hereby set the 1989 spring inshore shrimp season to open as follows:
 - a. In Zone 1, that portion of Louisiana's inside waters, as described in R.S. 56:495, from the Louisiana/Mississippi state line to South Pass of the Mississippi River at 6.00 A.M. on MAY 22 1989,
 - b. In Zone 2, that portion of Louisiana's inside waters, as described in R.S. 56:495, from South Pass of the Mississippi River to the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island at 6:00 A.M. on May 22 1989 and
 - c. In Zone 3, that portion of Louisiana's inside waters, as described in R.S. 56:495, from the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island to the Louisiana/Texas state line at biODA.M. on June 5 1989.

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- 2. Authorize and empower the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries or close the 1989 spring inshore shrimp season in any area or Zone when the Marine Fisheries Division certifies that the biological and technical data indicates the need to do so.
- 3. Authorize and empower the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to set a season extensions in areas or Zones when the Marine Fisheries Division certifies that the biological and technical data indicates the need to do so.
- 4. Provided that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall give a minimum of 72 hours notice prior to the closing of the 1989 spring inshore shrimp season or the opening or closing of any special shrimp season or season extensions.

Dr. Don Hines, Chairman

Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

RESOLUTION

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- WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission were adopted on Tuesday, May 20, 1980, and
- WHEREAS, there have been changes such as the location of the principle office, and
- WHEREAS, the Bylaws require that a Notice of Intent to amend or alter the said Bylaws must be given in writing at a previous meeting of the Commission and that such proposed amendments shall be delivered at least 48 hours prior to consideration or action thereon, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that notice is given that the Commission shall consider amending its Bylaws at the next regularly scheduled meeting and that proper advance copies of proposed changes be delivered to each Commissioner at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at which they will be considered.

Don Hines, Chairman

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES May 4, 1989

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and
- WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by RS. 56:115(A), and
- WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and
- WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information and requests from sportsmen of the state, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulation, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Don Hines, Chairman La. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary La. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:950 et. seq.) the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has developed proposed open seasons, rules and regulations for hunting resident game quadrupeds and birds during the period October 1, 1989 to April 30, 1990. This action is exempt from legislative oversight and adoption will be at a public hearing on May 4, 1989 at University Center, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana. A subsequent hearing will be held in July to ratify the proposal. Authority to establish rules is vested in the Commission by Section 115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statues of 1950. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has the authority to close seasons or alter any rule or regulation in emergency situations to protect the wildlife resources of the state.

In general, proposals include open hunting season dates, bag limits for resident game quadrupeds and birds, legal methods of taking game species and rules and regulations for Department controlled wildlife management areas. A summary of the 1989-90 hunting seasons and bag limits for resident game species is attached. (A more detailed copy of the proposed rules and regulations will be available upon request at the address listed below.)

Interested parties may submit their views in writing to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Game Division, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Baton Rouge, La 70898-9000.

NOTICE OF INTENT

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Pursuant to the authority granted under Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 56, Section 22, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby expresses intent to prohibit the use of fish nets (gill nets, trammel nets, hoop nets, fish seines) in Lake Bistineau, Bossier and Webster Parishes, Louisiana. The net ban will become effective August 1, 1989.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule until 4:30 p.m., July 14, 1989 at the following address: Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P. O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70898.

State of Louisiana



DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES POST OFFICE BOX 98000 BATON ROUGE, LA. 70898

BUDDY ROEMER GOVERNOR

VIRGINIA VAN BICKLE SECRETARY

April 19, 1989

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission

FROM: Virginia Van Sickle

RE: May Board Meeting

The next regular public board meeting as set by the Commission will be at 2:00 PM on Thursday, May 4, 1989, at the University of New Orleans. There will also be a shrimp public hearing held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, May 4th.

On Friday, May 5th the meeting will be continued at the same location at 10:00 AM.

Approval of Minutes of April 6-7, 1989

BOB MISSO

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DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES POST OFFICE BOX 98000

BATON ROUGE, LA. 70898

April 7, 1989

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

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Assistant Secretary and Division Chiefs

FROM:

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RE:

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VIRGINIA VAN SICKLE SECRETARY

March 27, 1989

MEMORANDUM

TO:

- Bob Misso

FROM:

Virginia Van Sickle

J. B.

RE:

Letter from Jerry Jones

Please look into this matter and prepare a written response for my signature within 72 hours. Return a copy of your reply for filing in this office. Consult with Don Puckett.

Thanks!

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NORTH SIDE OF COURTHOUSE SQUARE TRLEPHONE (318) 175-5714 (318) 175-5715

SALLIE JONES SANDERS

Ms. Virginia Van Sickle Secretary, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries P. O. Box 98000 Baton Rouge, LA 70898

Dear Ms. Van Sickle:

Reference is made to my letter of February 8, 1989, to Mr. Robert Misso, Assistant Secretary, a copy of which is attached.

We have received no reply to this request.

Since the contract that Mr. Perkins originally had was with the Commission itself, we would like to be put on the agenda at the next meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in the month of April so that we might present this matter to the Commission itself. We believe these contracts represent a policy set forth by previous Wildlife and Fisheries Commissions.

Before taking any legal action against the Commission or the State, we would like to meet with the members of the Commission at their next meeting. Would you please put Mr. Perkins and I on the agenda for a discussion of our request to Mr. Misso dated February 8, 1989.

Sincerely yours,

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CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Robert Misso
Assistant Secretary
Louisiana Department of
Wildlife and Fisheries
P. O. Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898

Dear Mr. Misso:

At the meeting with you February 3, 1989, involving Mr. Robert E. Perkins and the undersigned as his attorney, you suggested that we put our formal demand for hatchling alligators in writing. The basis for this demand is as follows:

Reference is made to that certain resolution adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Friday, January 27, 1978, a copy of the resolution being attached hereto. Reference is further made to the contract between Robert E. Perkins and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries executed in February 1978, a copy of this contract also being attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Records of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and Mr. Perkins reveal that between the years 1977 and 1986, the Department furnished to Mr. Perkins a total of 10,007 gators. Under the terms of the above contract and the letter of Mr. J. Burton Angelle dated December 20, 1985 (a copy of this letter is attached), it is clear that the Department was obligated to furnish Mr. Perkins a total of 20,200 alligators, leaving a balance due of 10,193 alligator hatchlings.

On behalf of Mr. Perkins, we now call on the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries of the State of Louisiana for specific performance under this contract. Mr. Perkins has honored every requirement imposed upon him by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries as to his side of the contract.

Mr. Robert Misso February 6, 1989 Page 2

As we explained to you at our recent meeting, each year that there was a shortage Mr. Perkins called such to the attention of your personnel at the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge where the program was being conducted and was informed that the gators would be "made up to him later." We don't know the exact reason why your department did not choose to supply alligator hatchlings in the quantities and at the times expressed in the contract. his

Please accept this letter as a demand that you furnish Mr. Perkins 10,193 alligator hatchlings in the 1989 season.

Mr. Perkins is ready, willing and able to accept this large number of hatchlings. If this is your course of action, we ask that you please let us know as soon as possible because Mr. Perkins will be required to make some preparation and it will be necessary that you give him a permit to sell the alligator hatchlings outside the State of Louisiana.

We recognize furnishing this large number of hatchlings for 1989 will certainly have an adverse effect on the total alligator program. Mr. Perkins, who was the original alligator farmer and had the first contract, doesn't want to do this. This letter is his expression to you that he would be willing to work out some sort of arrangement with you to furnish the shortage of 10,193 alligator hatchlings over a period of years.

We ask that you or the Commission act upon this request within thirty (30) days (which we consider reasonable time) because Mr. Perkins has to act within that time to protect his legal rights.

Sincerely yours,

JONES, JONES & ALEXANDER

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Enclosures



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BUDDY ROEMER GOVERNOR

April 4, 1989

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Chairman, Commission Members, Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Undersecretary, Assistant Secretaries, Legal Councils, Chiefs, and Assistant Chiefs

FROM:

Snow Roberts, New Orleans District Office

SUBJECT:

Hotel Reservations for the 1989 Brown Shrimp Meeting and Regular Public Board Meeting on May 4 and 5, 1989 in New Orleans, La.

Room reservations have been reserved for you on the evening of May 4, at the Sheraton On The Lake, 3838 N. Causeway Blvd., Metairie, La. Due to several previously scheduled events at this time, rooms are becoming limited in the New Orleans Area.

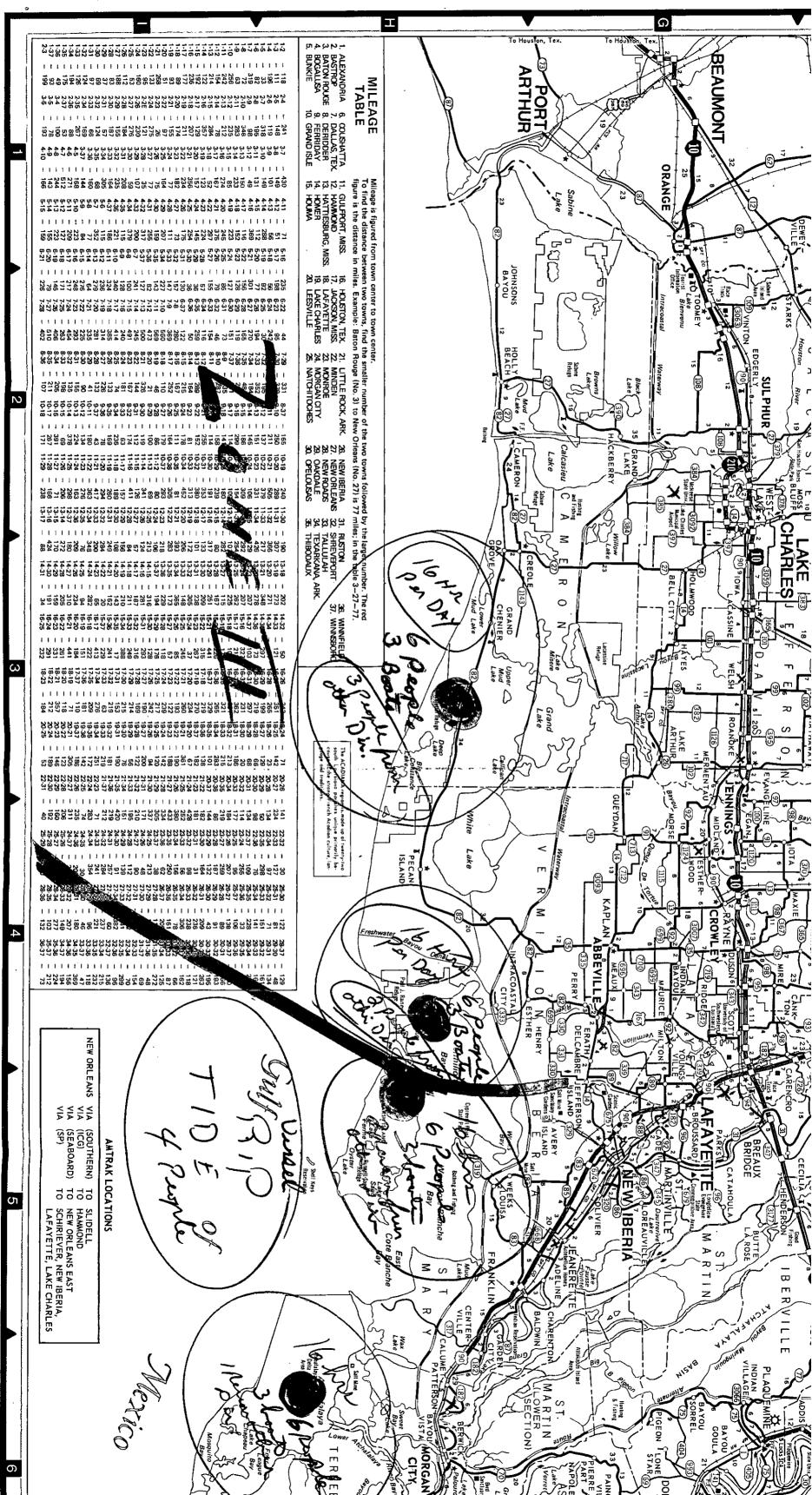
Please contact me in advance, if possible, to cancel any reservations you may not need. This will allow me to transfer your reservations to someone else if necessary.

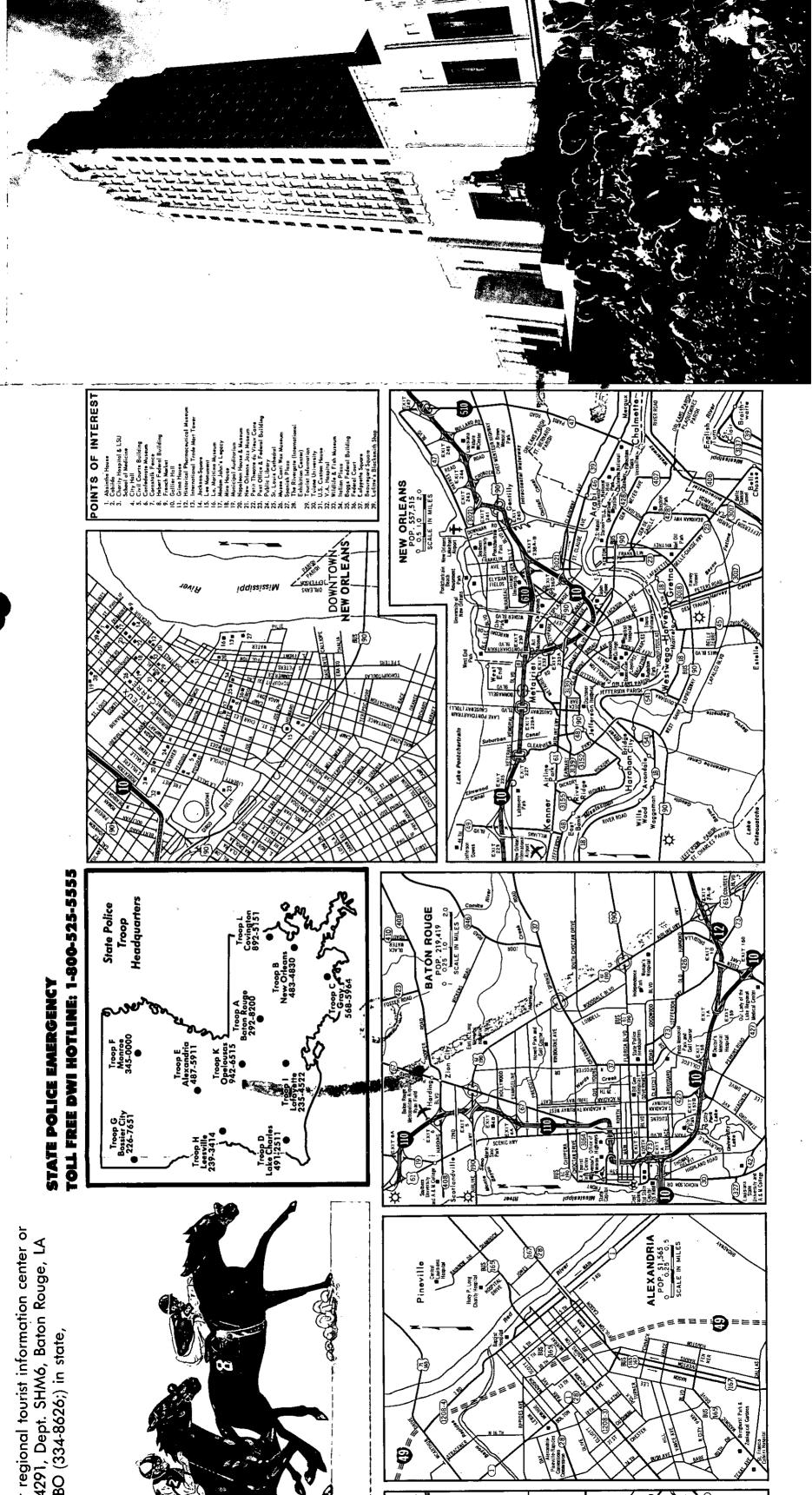
If you should need any additional information, please contact me at 504-568-7685 or Paula Callais at 504-765-2803.

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cc: Paula Callais





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BUDDY ROEMER

VIRGINIA VAN SICKLE BECRETARY

April 19, 1989

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Chairman and Members of Commission

FROM:

Virginia Van Sickle

RE:

May Board Meeting

The next regular public board meeting as set by the Commission will be at 2:00 PM on Thursday, May 4, 1989, at the University of New Orleans. There will also be a shrimp public hearing held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, May 4th.

On Friday, May 5th the meeting will be continued at the same location at 10:00 AM.

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AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will be at 2:00 PM on Thursday, 4th, 1989 at the University of New Orleans in New Orleans. On Friday, May 5th, the commission will resume its regular meeting at 10:00 AM. There will also be a public hearing to hear comments for the upcoming shrimp season to be set on Friday, May 5th.

The following items will be on the agenda:

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LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES May 4, 1989

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and
- WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by RS. 56:115(A), and
- WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and
- WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information and requests from sportsmen of the state, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulation, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Don Hines, Chairman La. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary La. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries

RESOLUTION

THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, MAY 5, 1989.

- WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission were adopted on Tuesday, May 20, 1980, and
- WHEREAS, there have been changes such as the location of the principle office, and
- WHEREAS, the Bylaws require that a Notice of Intent to amend or alter the said Bylaws must be given in writing at a previous meeting of the Commission and that such proposed amendments shall be delivered at least 48 hours prior to consideration or action thereon, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that notice is given that the Commission shall consider amending its Bylaws at the next regularly scheduled meeting and that proper advance copies of proposed changes be delivered to each Commissioner at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at which they will be considered.

Don Hines, Chairman

ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

CASE REPORT

APRIL, 1989

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

APRIL, 1989

REGION I

TOTAL CASES-150

ENFORCEMENT-150

OTHER - 0

57-Boating

47-Angling W/O A License

32-Fish Without Resident Pole License

1-Take Undersize Black Bass

1-Transport Seafood W/O Required License

2-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft

2-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours

3-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Road Or Highway Right-Of-Way

1-Possession Of Wild Quadrupeds Or Wild Birds Without Permit

1-Illegal Possession Of Alligators, Eggs Or Their Skins

1-Possession Of Live Alligators Without Permit

2-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

CONFISCATIONS:

2 alligators, 2 small wood duck, 2 pistols, 1 spotlights.

REGION 2

TOTAL CASES-154

ENFORCEMENT-154

OTHER - 0

47-Boating

43-Angling W/O A License

53-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

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REGION 2 CONT'D.

- 2-Take Game Fish Illegally
- 2-No Commercial Fisherman's License
- 2-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
- 4-Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

1 hen turkey, 1 shotgun, 1 resident fishing license.

REGION 3

TOTAL CASES-198

ENFORCEMENT-196

OTHER 2

- 79-Boating
- 80-Angling W/O A License
- 27-Fish Without Resident Pole License
- 2-Take Game Fish Illegally
- 2-Take Undersize Black Bass
- 1-No Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License
- 2-Use Illegal Nets
- 1-Take Or Possess Undersize Commercial Fish
- 1-Sell Minnows W/O Non-Resident Dealers License
- 1-Hunting W/O Resident License
- 1-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer
- 1-Hunting Squirrel Closed Season

CONFISCATIONS:

- 2 striped bass, 5 undersize black bass (released to water), 1-10 foot gill net,
- 6 buffalo fish (released to water), 1-2 inch gill net-60 foot long, 1 squirrel.

REGION 4

TOTAL CASES-142

ENFORCEMENT-140

OTHER - 2

56-Boating

31-Angling W/O A License

21-Fish Without Resident Pole License

4-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

1-Take Game Fish Illegally

2-Not Abiding By Commission Rules And Regulations

1-Fail to Have Commercial License In Possession

6-No Commercial Fisherman's License

5-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

1-No Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License

2-Use Lead Nets In Other Than Overflow Regions

1-Use Illegal Nets

2-Take Or Possess Undersize Commercial Fish

1-Blocking Passage Of Fish

1-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Road Or Highway Right-Of-Way

1-Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License

2-Buying Or Selling Deer

2-Hunt Turkey Closed Area

1-Criminal Damage Of State Property

1-Littering

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REGION 4 CONT'D.

CONFISCATIONS:

9 paddlefish, 10 perch-(released to water), 79 undersize catfish-(released to water), 100 yards of 2 inch gill net, 200 yards 2 1/4 inch gill net, 4 hoop nets with lead.

REGION 5

TOTAL CASES-268

ENFORCEMENT-169

OTHER -116

102-Boating

37-Angling W/O A License

1-Fish Without Resident Pole License

2-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

1-Possess O/L Of Spotted Sea Trout Or Red Drum

12-No Commercial Fisherman's License

13-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

15-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish Without A Vessel License

17-No Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License

6-Fail To Maintain Records

2-Transport Seafood W/O Required License

10-Take Or Possess Undersize Commercial Fish

5-Buy Commercial Fish From Un-License Fisherman

1-Blocking Passage Of Fish

1-Fail To Have Commercial Fish Intact

4-Tending Crab Traps Illegal Hours

14-Trawling In Restricted Area

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REGION 5 CONT'D.

- 9-Taking Oysters From Unapproved Area (Polluted)
- 2-Take Undersize Oysters From Natural Reef
- 2-Using Dredges Or Scrapers In Calcasieu Lake And Sabine Lake
- 2-Failure To Fill Out Oyster Tags Correctly
- 1-Possession Of Untagged Oysters
- 1-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft
- 2-Taking Or Possession Of Other Non-Game Birds-No Season
- 2-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries
- 1-Trespass On Property After Forbidden

CONFISCATIONS:

4-42 foot trawls, 4-40 foot trawls, 158 sacks of cysters, 10-100lb. crates of crabs, 75 foot trammel net, 1 motor, 3,360 lbs. shrimp.

REGION 6

TOTAL CASES-382

ENFORCEMENT-370

OTHER - 12

- 211-Boating
- 124-Angling W/O A License
- 20-Fish W/O Resident Pole License
- 2-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
- 3-Angling W/O Saltwater License
- 3-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
- 3-No Commercial Fisherman's License
- 5-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
- 2-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish Without A Vessel License
- 3-Transport Seafood W/O Required License

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REGION 6 CONT'D.

- 1-Trawling In Closed Season
- 1-Unlawfully Take Oysters Off A Private Lease
- 1-Unlawful Removal Of Signs From Leased Area
- 2-Using Illegal Gear For Taking Oysters On Public Grounds
- 1-Resisting Arrest

CONFISCATIONS:

2 oyster dredges, 1-16 foot shrimp trawl.

REGION 7

ENFORCEMENT-359

OTHER

122-Boating

146-Angling W/O A License

46-Fish Without Resident Pole License

4-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

- 15-Angling W/O Saltwater License
- 1-No Commercial Fisherman's License
- 2-No Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License
- 1-Transport Seafood W/O Required License
- 2-Sell And/or Purchase Game Fish
- 1-Tending Crab Traps Illegal Hours
- 2-Boque Chitto River (Illegal Fishing)
- 1-Hunting W/O Resident License
- 1-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer
- 1-Possession Of Wild Quadrupeds Or Wild Birds Without Permit
- 1-Hunt Turkey Without Non-Resident Big Game License

TOTAL CASES-362

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REGION 7 CONT'D.

- 3-Hunt Turkey Over Baited Area
- 1-Illegal Possession Of Alligators, Eggs Or Their Skins
- 1-Possession Of Live Alligators Without Permit
- 1-Fail To Comply With Alligator Part Tags
- 1-Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
- 2-Littering
- 5-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries
- 2-Lacy Act

CONFISCATIONS:

1 deer, 1 alligator-55 lbs. untagged alligator meat, 3 shotguns, 1,600 lbs. redfish.

REGION 8

TOTAL CASES-592

ENFORCEMENT-551

OTHER - 41

- 117-Boating
 - 3-Allow Another To Use Recreational License
 - 99-Angling W/O A License
 - 23-Fish Without Resident Pole License
 - 27-Angling W/O Saltwater License
 - 1-Take Game Fish Illegally
 - 2-Taking And/Or Possessing Over Limit Of Game Fish
 - 2-Possess O/L Of Spotted Sea Trout Or Red Drum
 - 2-Fail To Have Fish Intact (Saltwater)
 - 17-Take Or Possess Undersize Red Drum Or Spotted Sea Trout
 - 3-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

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REGION 8 CONT'D.

- 22-No Commercial Fisherman's License
- 14-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
- 23-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish Without A Vessel License
 - 1-Trout Closure Order
 - 1-Untagged Gill Net
- 51-Trawling In Closed Season
 - 3-Trawling Inside Waters W/Double Rig (Over 50')
- 5-Use Oversize Trawls
- 1-Use Illegal Mesh Trawl, Butterfly Nets Or Seines
- 17-Failure To Have Written Permission
- 19-Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
- 72-Taking Oysters From Unapproved Area (Polluted)
- 11-Unlawfully Take Oysters Off A Private Lease
- 4-Using Illegal Gear For Taking Oysters On Public Grounds (Natural Reef)
- 7-Failure To Display Proper Number On Vessel
- 1-Failure To Pay Severance Tax
- 1-Failure To Hold Tags For 60 Days
- 3-Failure To Tag Sacked Or Containerized Oysters
- 1-Take Non-Game Quadrupeds Closed Season
- 3-Fail To Maintain Records
- 3-Transport W/O Required License
- 3-Use Illegal Nets
- 5-Illegal Use Of Monofilament
- 3-Leave Nets Unattended
- 8-Take Or Possess Undersize Commercial Fish

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REGION 8 CONT'D.

- 1-Buy Commercial Fish From Un-License Fisherman
- 3-Blocking Passage Of Fish
- 3-Littering
- 4-Other Than Wildlife and Fisheries
- 1-Possession Spiny Lobster Closed Season
- 1-Possession Undersize Spiny Lobster

CONFISCATIONS:

50 trawls, 41 boats, 4841 lbs. sheephead, 70 red drum, 1500 lbs. of redfish 64 spiny lobster, 14 gill nets, 10 licenses, 163 speckled trout and 2 bags filet, 268 sacks oysters plus 55 gallons, 6 dredges, 12 boxes crabs plus 100 lbs., 1 fish seine, 11 blue catfish, 33 bass, 1 deer, 1 bag marijuana, 5 motors, 8 nutria, and a total of 4,720 lbs. of shrimp.

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S.W.E.P.

RIP TIDE

144 HOURS

TOTAL CITATIONS-37

36-Trawling Closed Season

1-Operate Vessel No Running Lights

CONFISCATIONS:

2,738 lbs. head-on shrimp, 1,460 headless shrimp.

DELTA TIDE

69 HOURS

11 BOATS CHECKED

TOTAL CITATIONS-14

3-Fail To Comply With Closure Order

8-Trawling In Closed Season

1-No Commercial Fish License

1-No Commercial Vessel License

1-No Commercial Gear License

CONFISCATIONS:

151 spotted sea trout, 1,945 lbs. of pink shrimp,20 lbs. of white shrimp, 2,600 foot of gill net, 6-50 foot trawls, 2-25 foot trawls.

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TOTAL	CASES	ENFORCEME	NI'-	2089
TOTAL	CASES	S.W.E.P.	_	51
TOTAL	CASES	OTHER	_	176
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LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES May 4, 1989

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and
- WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by RS. 56:115(A), and
- WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and
- WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information and requests from sportsmen of the state, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Don Hines, Chairman

La. Wildlife and Fisheries

Commission

Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary La. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act (R.S. 49:950 et. seq.) the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has developed proposed open seasons, rules and regulations for hunting resident game quadrupeds and birds during the period October 1, 1989 to April 30, 1990. This action is exempt from legislative oversite and adoption will be at a public hearing on May 4, 1989 at University Center, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana. A subsequent hearing will be held in July to ratify the proposal. Authority to establish rules is vested in the Commission by Section 115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statues of 1950. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has the authority to close seasons or alter any rule or regulation in emergency situations to protect the wildlife resources of the state.

In general, proposals include open hunting season dates, bag limits for resident game quadrupeds and birds, legal methods of taking game species and rules and regulation for Department controlled wildlife management areas. A summary of the 1989-90 hunting seasons and bag limits for resident game species is attached. (A more detailed copy of the proposed rules and regulations will be available upon request at the address listed below.)

Interested parties may submit their views in writing to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Game Division, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

SUMMARY OF 1989-90 HUNTING SEASON REGULATIONS

Rabbit: Oc: Squirrel: 0	23-Feb. 28. Daily bag li bber 7-Feb. 28. Daily bag et. 7-Jan. 14. Daily bag er day. 6 per season	limit 8, possessio	n 16.
9 7	53 days lays still hunt only: Nov lays still hunt only: Dec lays with or without dogs:	. 2-8 (muzzleloade	only)
23 7	54 days lays still hunt only: Nov lays still hunt only: Dec lays with or without dogs:	. 2-8 (muzzleloade	only)
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9 7	46 days lays still hunt only: Nov lays still hunt only: Dec lays still hunt only: Dec	. 2-8 (muzzleloade	
9	16 days lays still hunt only: Nov lays still hunt only: Dec		only)
Area A	per day. 3 per season 30 days. Mar. 31-Apr. 2	9	MLP 10
Area B Area C	37 days. Mar. 24-Apr. 2 9 days. Apr. 21-29	9	MAR 10 MAR 17

Rule

Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the May 1988 Louisiana Register, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in July hereby adopts regulations on open hunting season dates, bag limits, methods of taking, and rules and regulations on Department operated wildlife management areas for the period October 1, 1989-April 30, 1990. Authority to establish regulation is vested in the Commission by Section 115(A) of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statues of 1950.

For those interested, a more detailed copy of the rules and regulation is available upon request to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Game Division, P. O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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Phone:	504/765-2347	Office:	Wildlife/Game Division
Return Address:		Rule Title:	56:115
	Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000	Date Rule Takes Effect:	September 1, 1989
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111.	ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC INON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary		TLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR
	Hunting in Louisiana generates is commercial sales of outdoor relat would result in loss of funds gen operation.	ted equipment. C	losure of hunting seasons
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ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary) IV.

> There is no realistic method by which this Department can estimate the effects of hunting regulations on employment or competition.

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Hugh A. Bateman
Administrator, Game Division
Typed Name and Title of Agency Head or Designee

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

WORKSHEET

I. A. COSTS OR SAVINGS TO STATE AGENCIES RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED

1. What is the anticipated increase (decrease) in costs to implement the proposed action?

COSTS	FY 89-90	PY 90~91	FY 91-92
PERSONAL SERVICES	none	none	none
OPERATING EXPENSES	none	none	none
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	none	none	none
OTHER CHARGES	none	none	none
EQUIPMENT	none	none	none
TOTAL			
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POSITIONS(#)			

2. Provide a narrative explanation of the costs or savings shown in "A.1.", including the increase or reduction in workload or additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.) anticipated as a result of the implementation of the proposed action. Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these costs.

There is no anticipated change in costs to the state agency if the proposal is implemented.

3. Sources of funding for implementing the proposed rule or rule change.

SOURCE	FY 89-90	FY 90-91	FY 91-92
STATE GENERAL FUND AGENCY SELF-GENERATED DEDICATED FEDERAL FUNDS OTHER (Specify)	X	x	x
TOTAL			

4. Does your agency currently have sufficient funds to implement the proposed action? If not, how and when do you anticipate obtaining such funds?

Current budget request (FY89-90) are adequate to implement and carry out the proposed action.

- B. COST OR SAVINGS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED.
- Provide an estimate of the anticipated impact of the proposed action on local governmental units, including adjustments in workload and paperwork requirements. Describe all data, assumptions and methods used in calculating this impact.

Establishment of hunting regulation are done annually. No adjustments in workload and paperwork are necessary.

 Indicate the sources of funding of the local governmental unit which will be affected by these costs or savings.

No local governmental unit will be affected.

FISCAL AND BOONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

WORKSHEET

III. COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS

A. What persons or non-governmental groups would be directly affected by the proposed action? For each, provide an estimate and a narrative description of any effect on costs, including workload adjustments and additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.), they may have to incur as a result of the proposed action.

Approximately 450,000 resident sportsman, 12,000 non-resident hunters, sporting good distributors and landowners are directly affected by this proposal. No additional costs, workload or paper work will result by implementing the proposed rules and regulation. Those persons choosing to participate in the special muzzleloader season will be required to obtain a \$10.50 license.

B. Also provide an estimate and a narrative description of any impact on receipts and/or income resulting from this rule or rule change to these groups.

Revenue generated by sportsman are estimated at \$150,000,000 annually. Retail outlets, landowners and commercial operations that cater to the hunting public would lose revenue if hunting rules and regulations are not promulgated.

IV. EFFECTS ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT

Identify and provide estimates of the impact of the proposed action on competition and amployment in the public and private sectors. Include a summary of any data, assumptions and methods used in making these estimates.

There is no other data available to estimate the impact of proposed action on competition and employment.

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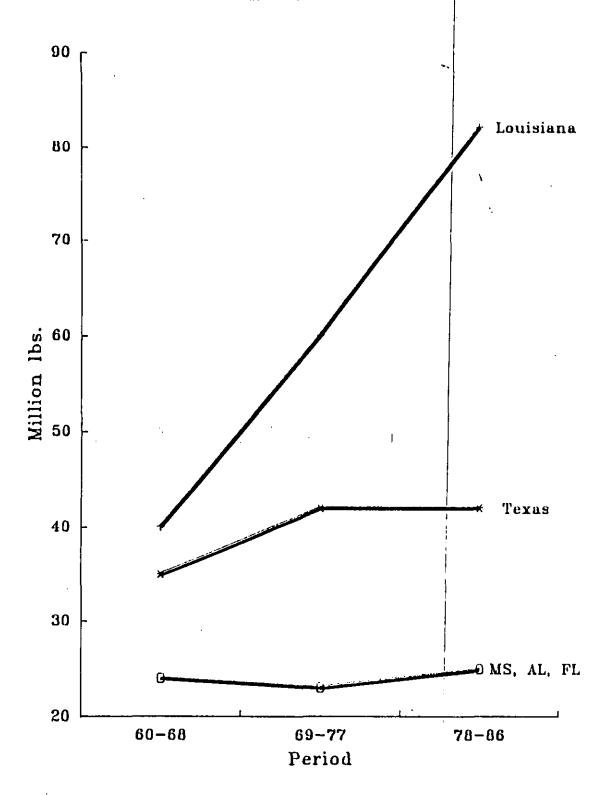
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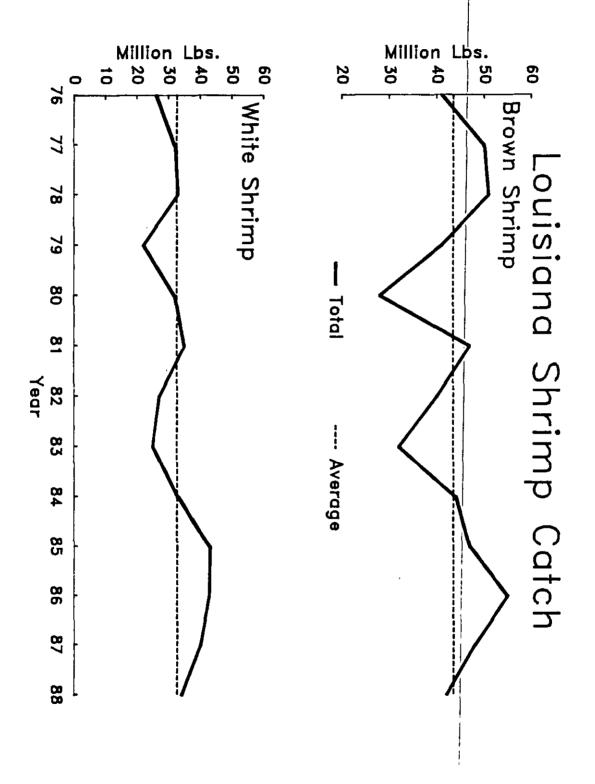
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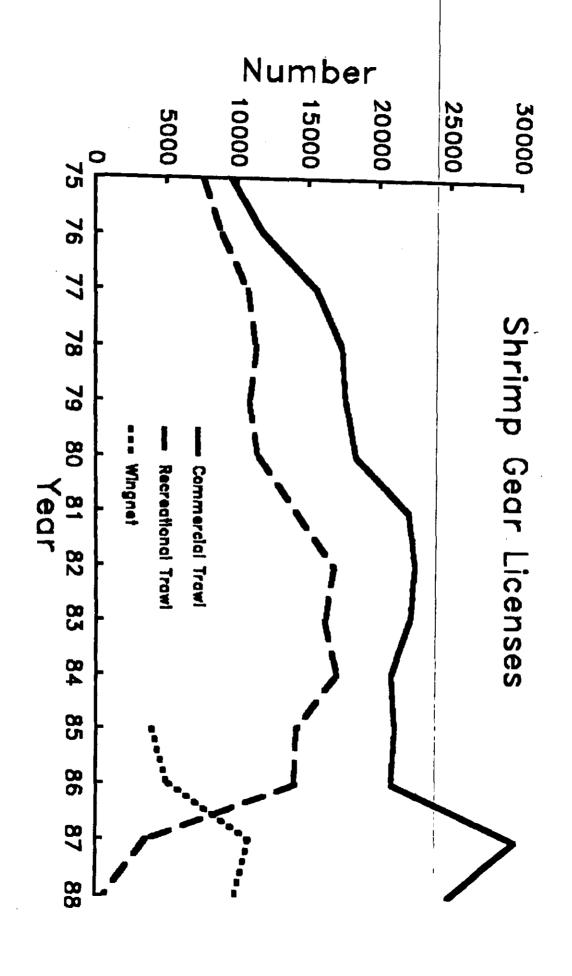
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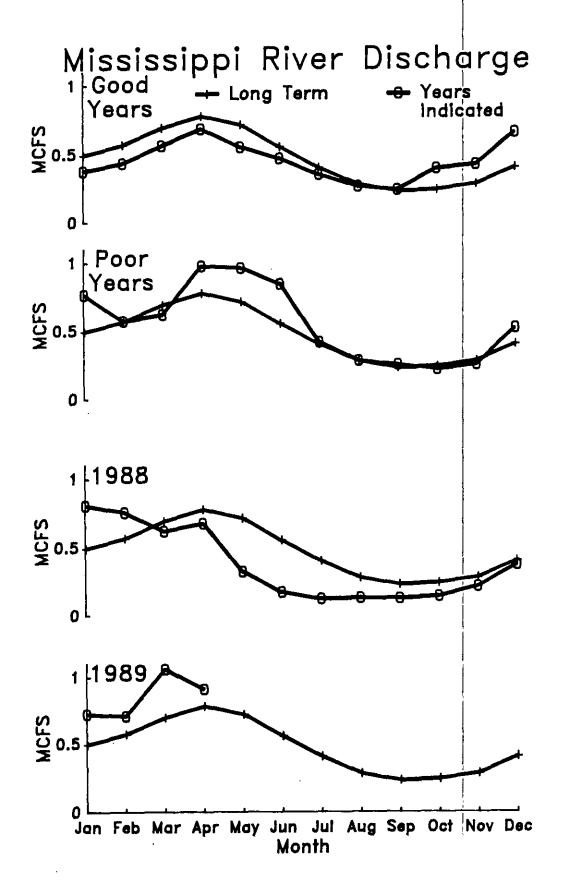


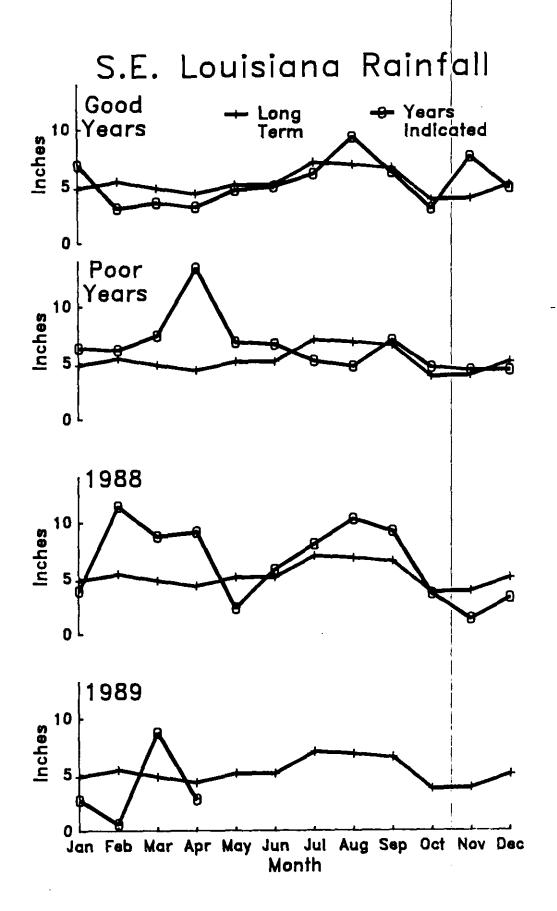
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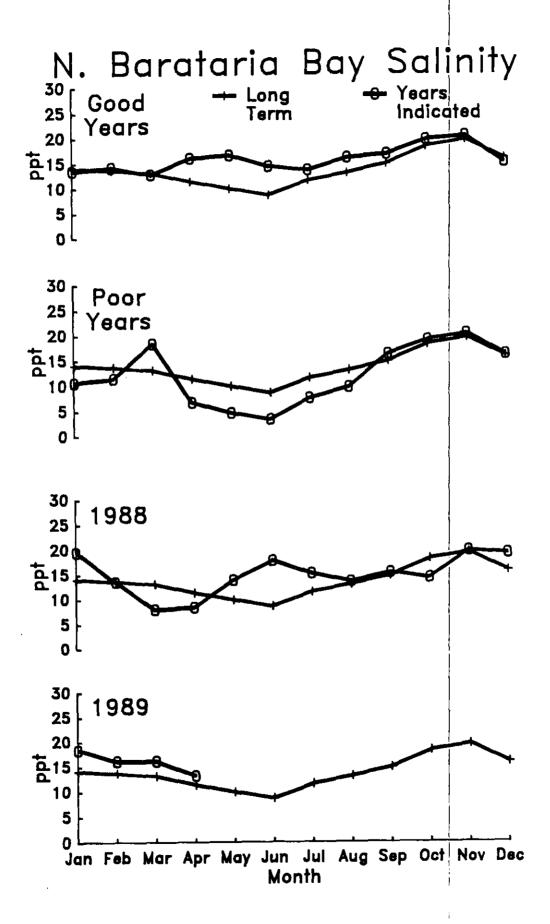


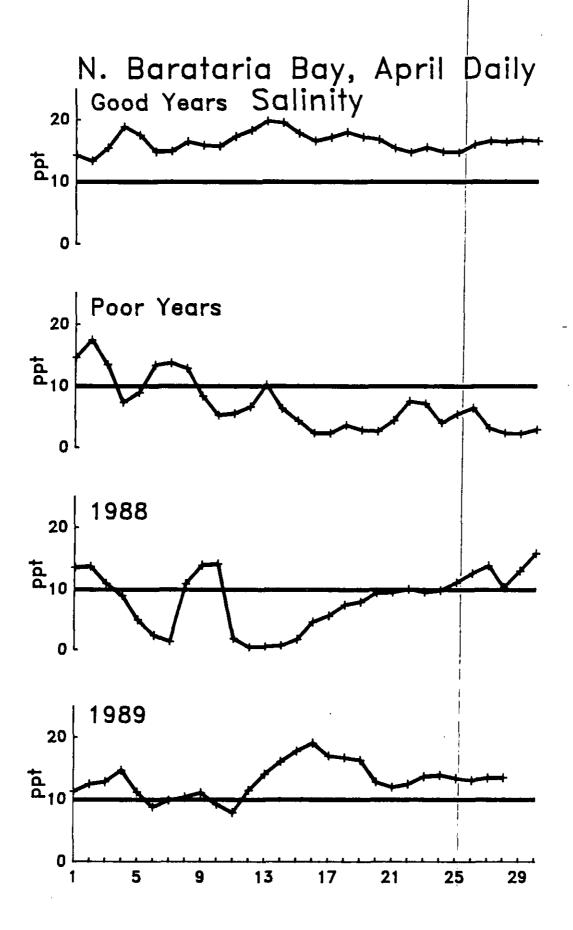


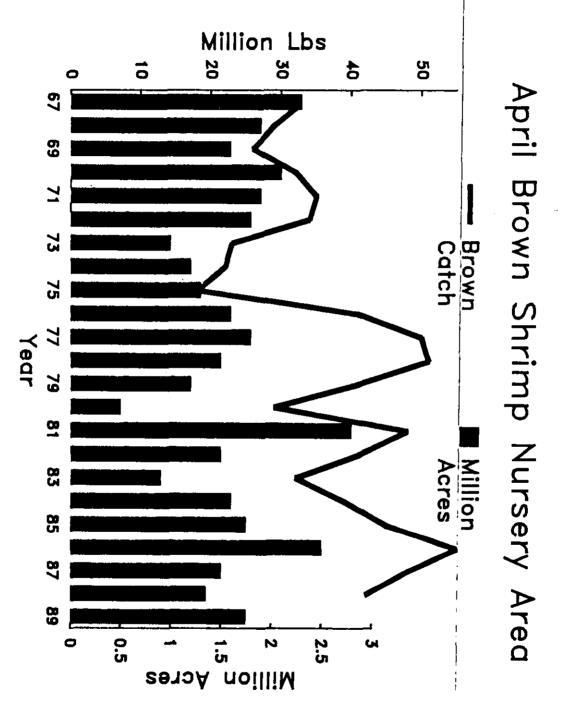


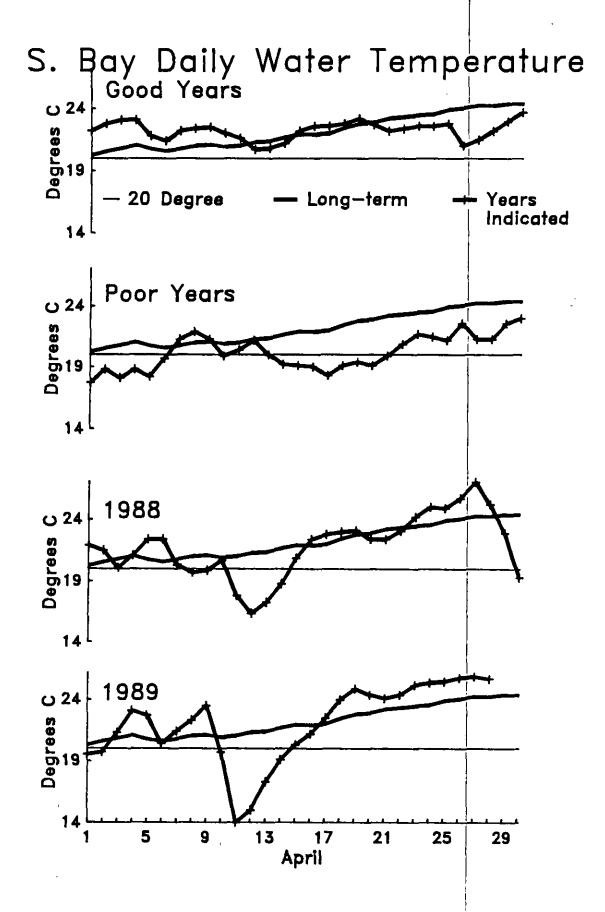




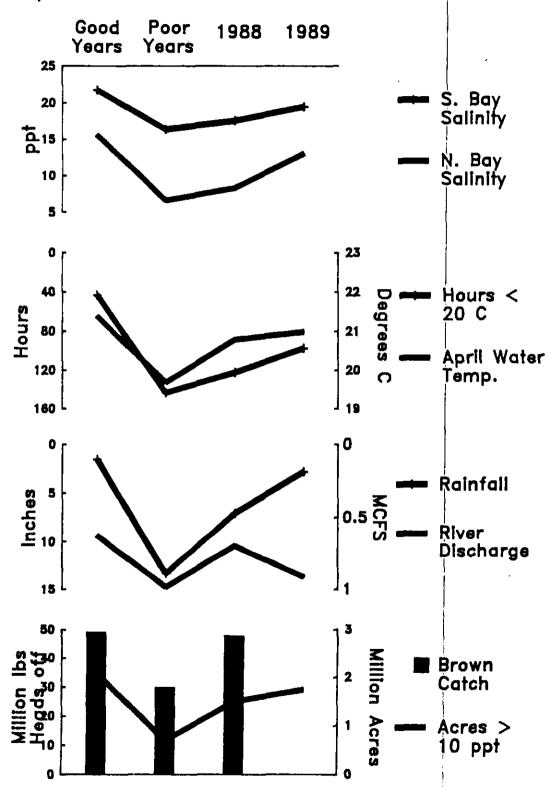


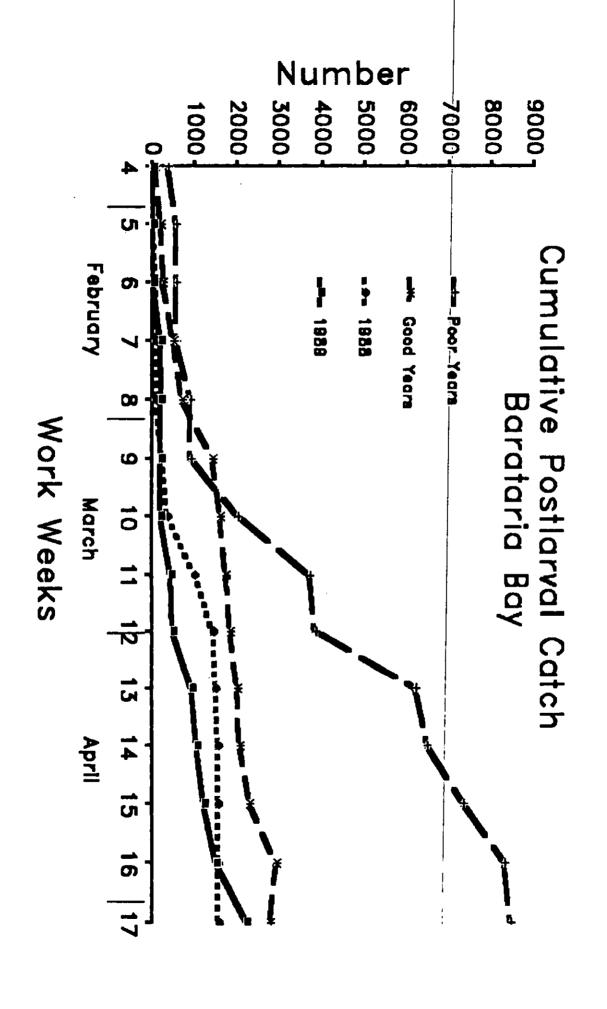


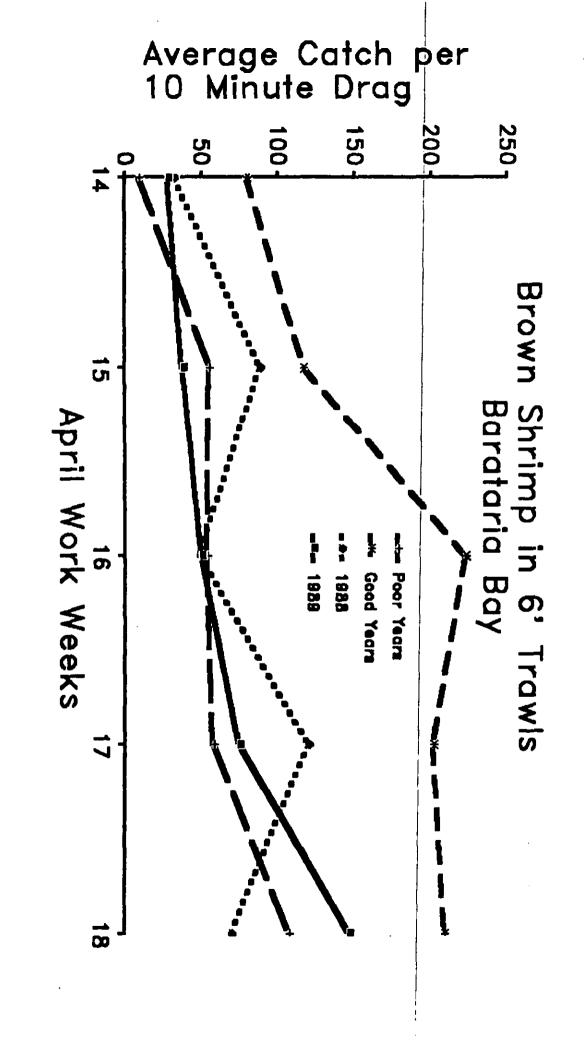


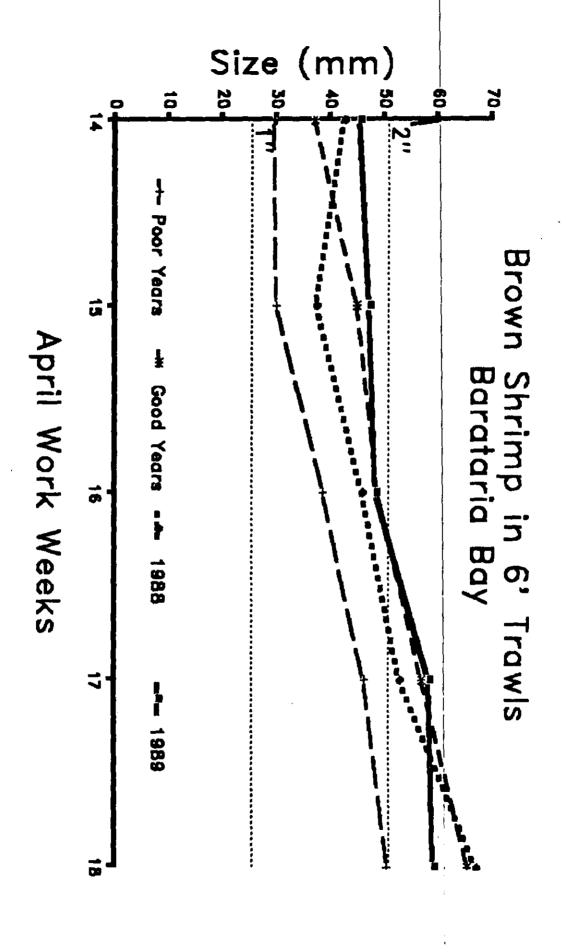


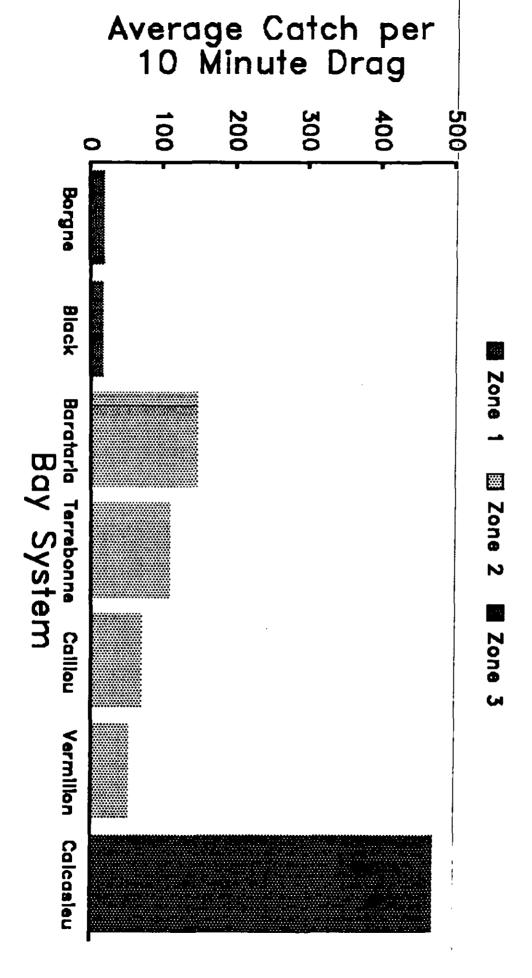
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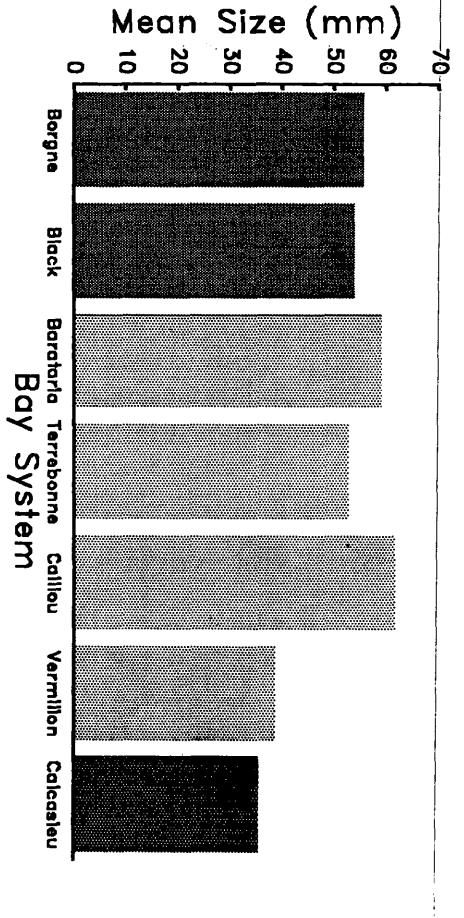


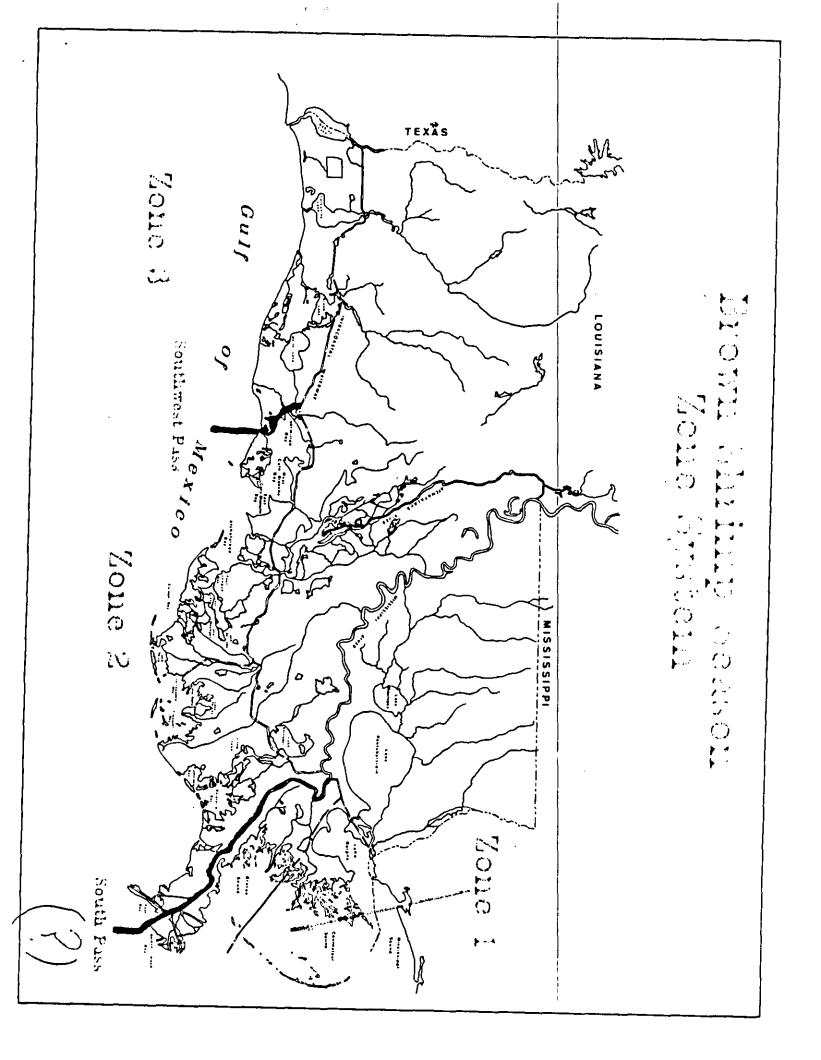


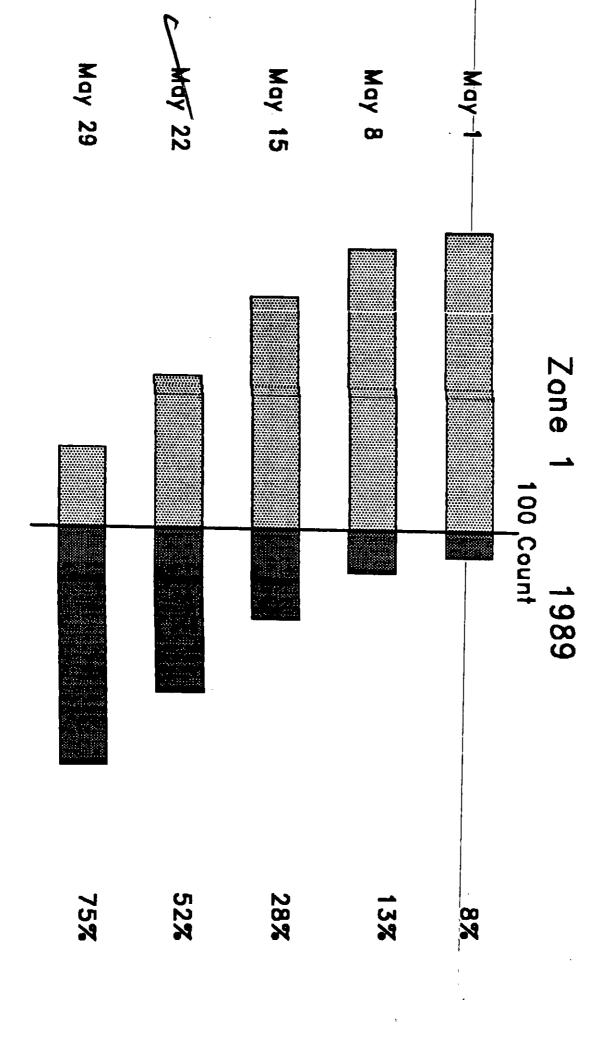
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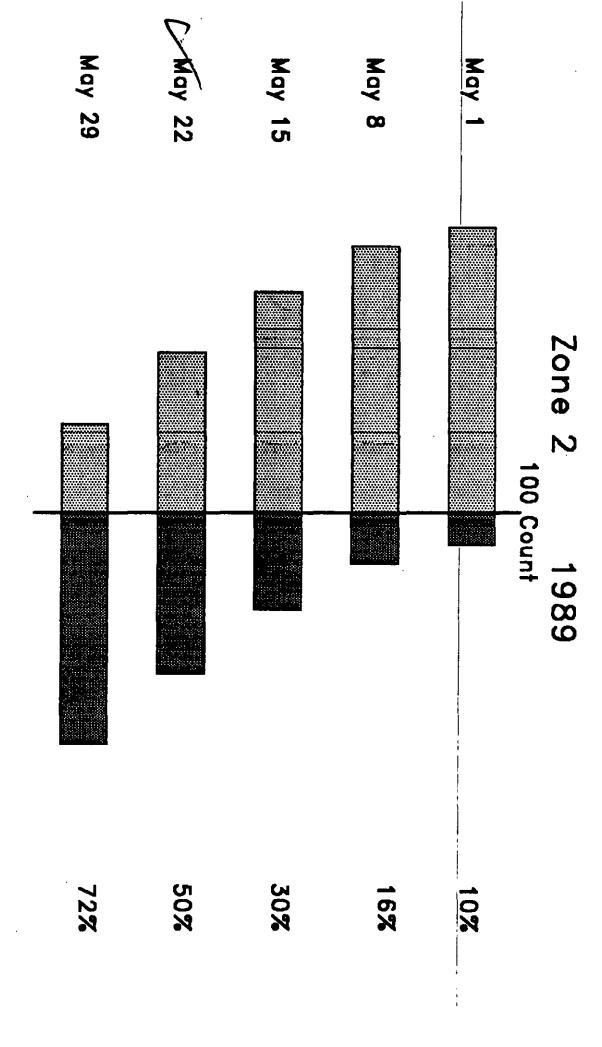
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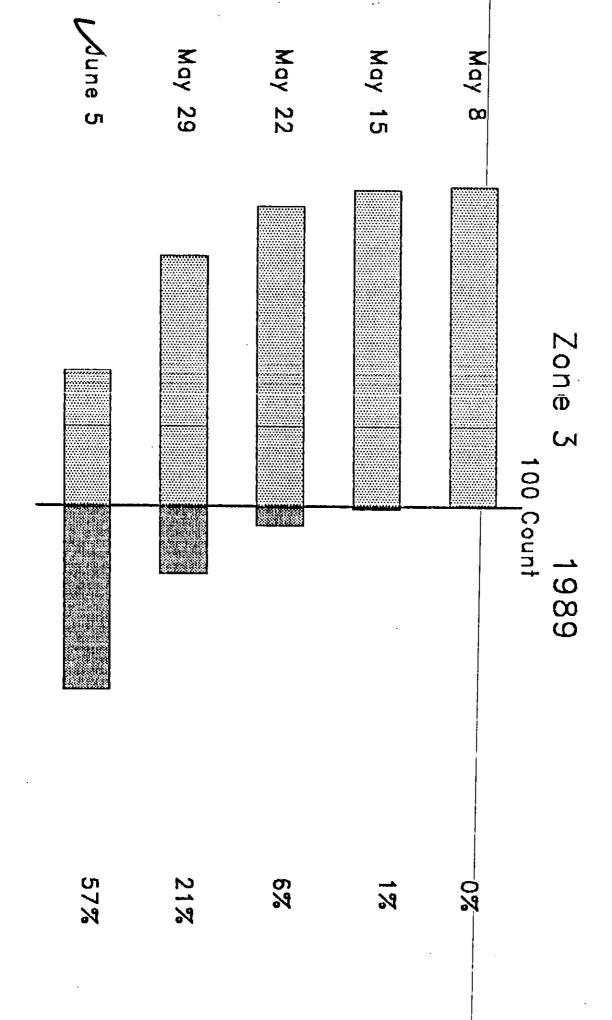












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J. BURTON ANGELLE, SR. SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES DISTRICT VIII 400 ROYAL ST. NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130

March 31, 1989

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COASTAL & MARINE RESOURCES SURVEY SECTION 03 - 04

ACTIVITY REPORT

From April 1, 1989 thru April 30, 1989
During this period field activity consisted of
Surveys that were scheduled. O Surveys that were unable to be done due to bad weather or fishermen unable to meet surveyor.
Surveys that were completed consisted of:
Leases that were tied into the momument control system. Applications for new area. 5 15-year limitations. 0 Restake applications. Total field activity:
1987 1988 1989
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0 1 0 - Applications cancelled by request.
Office activity during this period:
\$2,167.54 - Lease rental collected. \$2,654.50 - Survey fees collected.
9 - Surveys - Private Surveyor
24 Surveys- Private Surveyor

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Special Bait Dealers' Permit

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:950), and R. S. 56:497(C), the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission is hereby giving notice of its intention to adopt rules and regulations for a special bait dealers' permit which will allow the taking of live bait shrimp by qualified permit holders during the closed season between the spring and fall shrimp seasons.

A. Policy

The special bait dealer's permit is intended solely for the benefit of the recreational fishing public which desires to use live shrimp as bait during the closed season between the spring and fall shrimp season. Its purpose is to allow the uninterrupted operation of those commercial establishments which sell live bait shrimp to the fishing public during the spring and fall shrimp season. The permit is not intended for the direct use of recreational fishermen, charter boats, commercial fishermen who sell dead shrimp, or for any other entity which may wish to catch shrimp for their own use during the closed season.

B. Application

- 1. Application for the special bait dealer's permit will be accepted from January 1 through April 30.
- 2. Application will be accepted only from the owner of an existing business which sells or plans to sell live bait to recreational fishermen.
- 3. Application must be made on forms provided by the Department; all information requested must be provided before the application will be processed.

- 4. Applicant must show proof of having acquired all necessary licenses and permits before the permit will be issued. This includes, if relevant, boat registration, vessel license, gear license, commercial fishing licenses, wholesale/retail dealers license, state sales tax number.
- 5. Applicant must post a \$1,000 cash bond or surety bond before the permit is issued. This bond will be forfeited if the permittee, his employee, or his contractor violates any provision of the rules and regulations concerning the special bait dealer's permit or if the permittee, his employee, or his contractor violates any commercial fishing law or regulation while operating under the permit. Property bonds are not acceptable.
- 6. Before the permit is issued an agent of the Department must inspect the facilities of the applicant and verify that the applicant is operating a commercial establishment which sells live shrimp to the fishing public for use as bait, and that the applicant does have the facilities to maintain live shrimp. Notice to the public must be posted that live bait shrimp are available for sale. The applicant must have onshore facilities, including tanks with a minimum capacity of 500 gallons, available to hold live shrimp. These tanks must have provisions for aeration and/or circulation of the water in which live shrimp are held prior to sale. In determining total tank capacity of onshore facilities, the agent shall not count any tank with a capacity of less than 50 gallons.
- 7. Only the applicant, his designated employee, or his contractor may operate under the permit. If the applicant has a contract with another party who will supply live bait shrimp to him, he must provide the Department written evidence of the agreement. At the time of application, the applicant will specify who will be working under the permit. Should these persons change, the applicant will notify the Department in the manner specified by the permit before the new vessel or persons operate under the permit. The permit is not transferrable to any other person or vessel without previous notification to the Department in the manner specified by the permit.
- 8. Vessel operations under this permit shall be limited to areas specified by the Department in the permit. The applicant shall specify in his application the area in which he would like to operate.

Operations

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- 1. Only the vessel listed in the permit can be used to under the permit. Live wells, aeration tanks, and other vessel facilities to maintain live shrimp must be carried on or built into this vessel; it must be used for both taking and transporting the live shrimp. The vessel must have a minimum of one compartment or tank with a capacity of 50 gallons No other vessel may be used under the permit. Signs which identify the vessel as working under a special bait dealer's permit shall be posted on the vessel. These signs shall be visible from either side of the vessel and from the air; the word "BAIT" and the permit number shall be placed on these signs in letters at least 12 inches high.
- 2. Permitted gear is limited to one (1) trawl not to exceed 25 feet along the cork line 33 feet along the lead line. This is the only gear which can be used or carried aboard the permitted vessel while the vessel is operating under permit; no other commercial fishing gear may be on the vessel when it is being used under permit.
- 3. No dead shrimp may be aboard the vessel while it is operating under the permit. All dead shrimp and all other organisms caught while taking live bait shrimp must be immediately returned to the water. Shrimp dying in onshore holding facilities may be sold for bait use only, in lots not to exceed 16 ounces in weight.
- 4. Bait shrimp may be taken only from sunrise to sunset; no night fishing is allowed under this permit.
- 5. The original permit must be in the possession of the person operating the vessel while it is engaged in taking shrimp under the terms of the permit.
- 6. Each time the permit is used the permittee must notify the Department in the manner specified by the permit. Before the vessel departs the dock under permit the Department must be advised of the time of departure and the general location in which trawling will take place; immediately after the permitted vessel returns to the dock the Department must be notified of its time of return.
- 7. The permittee shall maintain an up-to-date record of the activities conducted under permit on forms provided by the Department for that purpose. These forms shall be available for inspection by agents of the Department upon request by said agents. Permittee will submit to the Department, not later than September 1, the record of shrimp harvested under permit.

Commission Meeting May 4-5, 1989

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STATEMENT OF J. B. JONES, JR.

My name is J. B. Jones and I am a lawyer from Cameron, Louisiana, and I am here representing my good friend Mr. Bob Perkins, who is the original alligator man. Way back in nineteen hundred and seventy eight he entered into a contract with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. That contract is part of your record. I think you have been furnished it today, I am not to sure, I hope you have, cause I want to ask you to act on that contract today. Under that contract Mr. Perkins is to risk his time, his skill, his money in trying to develop the business of farming alligators. He is going to do that with the aid and assistance of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, inparticular the people at the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge. And over the years he has lived up to his bargin in every single way.

Some of the things that Mr. Perkins has done, is that most of it is a experimental nature. Had to do with handling, the proper pens, the right kind of temperature, had all kinds of problems of what to do when the alligators get away, about insulation, about heating, a lot of it to do with economics. Also Mr. Perkins who was from New York and who was a Madison Avenue advertising executive has almost single handly pioneered the marketing of the alligator hide, the farm alligator hide. Now he has had a lot of cooperation from the State and we are eternally grateful for that. One of the programs that they wanted Mr. Perkins to experiment with was to create a situation where he would raise his own eggs and he has done that. He has cooperated, he has done that, he has a lot of bad luck. One year he had a big freeze and like to have lost them all and he has followed the

recommendations and experimented with the people at the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge. But that is an experiment that, Gentlemen, has not worked yet and Mr. Perkins is, as of this point in his alligator farming to where he has approximately 115 breeders but they are not breeding the way the biologists and everybody else thought they were, we don't know why. think we may have to have some more breeders, we don't know but we are playing with that as well. He is not able to get enough alligators to keep his business working. Now, Mr. Perkins, as I understand, is the only alligator farmer, number one, who ever had a contract with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and that contract said in black and white, that the obligate, that Mr. Perkins, that the department was obligated to furnish Mr. Perkins a total of 20,200 alligators or 17,200 alligators depend on how you interpert Mr. Angelle's letter to Mr. Perkins in 1986 and Mr. Perkins had a fire and lost all of his alligators. We think that was that Mr. Angelle's intent was to give him 3,000 extra alligators, but you can argue about it one way or the other. The bottom line is that you have furnished him 10,007 gators and you owe him 10,193 alligators under the specific terms of his contract. And what we come here to you with all respect gentlemen and lady is to ask you as a good citizen of Louisiana to live up to your contract. Now, what happened was why didn't he get his alligators. He didn't get his alligators pure and simple because he asked for them each year, it specified in the contract so many each year, he would come to get that many and the people would say, who were running the program would say, well look Bob we have got other folks that we want to get into the business and you just take this many this year and we will make it up to you later. Don't worry we will make it up to you later. Now

we have that make it up to you later in writing from Mr. Joanen who is the research leader and I think other correspondence, copies of which were sent to Mr. Tarver. O.K., this year we asked for the alligators for 1989. We got a reply from your office, from the office in Baton Rouge, that yall hadn't work out the program yet but you would give him consideration, in effect that was what it was. So we scheduled a meeting with Mr. Misso at which time Mr. Misso suggested we put our, we were suppose to meet with your lawyers to, but Mr. Misso was very kind to us and listened to our request and suggested we put our request to you in writing, we did, that is in you packet, I believe someone is suppose to furnish that to you. haven't received a reply. Now I am not fussing at anybody for not replaying, most people don't like to reply to lawyers anyway. But, so then I asked Mrs. Van Sickle if you would let me come before you, because I think it is, you all make the comment, not you fellows on the Commission here now, but the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries who was the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in existence at that time, made this contract with this man. Now as his lawyer I told him that what we had to do is ask you, as my position as a lawyer, from a legal standpoint we should ask you for all the gators that you haven't given him. The 10,193. Well, you know, we will take them, but we have got enough sense to know, and Mr. Perkins has enough sense if you had to give all 10,193 of your alligators that you get at Rockefeller Refuge to Mr. Perkins there would be a whole lot of people that would suffer and be out of business, and Mr. Perkins has never had that attitude, he has cooperated one thousand percent. And let me say another thing, here is a fellow that came down here from New York, has never to my knowledge, and I am up to my ears in politics in my part of the

world, as Mr. McCall knows, has never had one bit of political stroke. Not a bit. He has gone to the Department on his merits and he has made a major contribution to the alligator industry in this state. And now I don't know why somebody decided well we have got to let Joe Blow in Vermilion or somebody else in Acadia have some gators that should have gone to Mr. Perkins. That is none of our concern and we don't have any criticism incidently, Mr. Perkins dosen't for that having happend because Mr. Perkins wants to make a living himself and he has no object to other people making a living. In addition he has been a great assistance to many of the other alligator farmers throughout the state, in ah, in ah, doing their, in helping them plan their programs. Now, I want to make it clear, with all due respect we need an answer and we would like your answer to be that you are going to live up to your written contract and furnishing the gators. We suggest to you, we suggest to you that we understand the program can stand this, what has to in the past that he be given approximately 1,000 a year until such a time as he gets the alligators that are due, either 10, 193 or 7,193, depending on how you read Mr. Angelle' letter. It is obvious if he does not get the what the consequences going to be. We don't know what kind of hatchlings we are going to have this year, but if it is anything like it was

last year he is going to be way, way short of alligator.

Dr. Don Hines:Commission something while you are talking about this. Since we have no knowledge of this, could we be furnished copies of this, meet with the department and so forth and give you a definite answer at our next meeting. Is that to late. We are not prepared to make any.....

Jones: I apologize to you, especially you Ms. Van Sickle, because I thought surely that I had, somebody, and I was looking at my letters so I could jump you, but I don't say it in my letter, I thought, that is my fault. I thought that you all had that and I apologize sitting here talking to you about something you haven't seen. No, Mr. Hines, we, of course I want you to know that we are, well I don't know what he would do if you say no, I guess he would go out of business, but what do you want to do? You want us, me to furnish, you have it don't you? No I sent it, it is all attached to my letter of, that I sent you, isn't it Mr. Misso. Mr. Misso has all the documentation attached to the letter.

Hines: I think we need, we need the input from the department and from our Legal Section to see if they think this is a legal and binding contract. We need input from the department as to what has been done. Their version of what has and has not been done.

Jones: Sure.

Hines: And what they recommend.

Jones: Let me ask you this. I would love to sit down with all of you and your lawyers and your people around the table and do it in a public or otherwise meeting. I don't know whether you discuss contracts, I don't know what your opening meeting rule is but I don't have any problems sitting around this table doing it. But I would like to do it and do it something soon.

Hines: I think anything pending ligitation certainly can be done in the Executive Session.

Jones: I don't have any, when do you want to do it Mr. Hines.

Hines: I guess we will have to do it at the next meeting that we have.

Van Sickle: You can't go into Executive Session unless you have been sued.
Unless you are going to sue us...

Jones: I did not come here to tell you I was going to sue you, so don't get that impression.

Van Sickle: So they, unless there is a quorum of the Commission present, then they would have to meet in this..

Jones: I don't have any about sitting around the table with you about it.

We have some correspondence also I thought might be of assistance, I will send that to you. O.K. so we are going to leave it then that we uh..

Hines: Why don't we notify you that, in other words say meet earlier or later and we give advance notice that it is going to be at that time and so forth, I think if anybody wants to come they can, but they probably won't, rather than having it at the open meeting with people who are not interested in this.

Van Sickle: We have asked, by the way, an Attorney Generals' opinion on some other matters regarding Executive Session on pending suits so we can answer that question for you, but our initial reading from our attorney is that it would have to be

Jones: It would be better for us to sit, we talk about alligators, incidently folks are worth a lot of money now, it would probably be better for everybody if we sit around the table and do it open where everybody can see and hear what is going on. I would rather that myself personally. Anybody have any questions you want to ask?

McCall: No that was my question, we don't have any of the information and I don't think it is fair to ask us to make a decision on something we had nothing to do with or knew nothing about.

Jones: Of course not.

McCall: At this point.

Jones: I agree with you, of course not. Let's leave it then and somebody will tell me when the next meeting will be or when to come again, is that right.

Van Sickle: That's right.

McCall: I make a motion that we take it under advisement, get the material, look at it, and meet before the next meeting.

Jenkins: (Something about Bob handling)

Hines: It has been moved, do I hear a second to that.

Palmisano: I will second it but I would like to ask for a substitute motion before discussion, that we go ahead and take it under advisement. I don't want to set a certain time, next meeting or meeting until I am fully abreast of this situation. You know I am not going to sit down and discuss it with anybody and if that is going to take a month or another month, I don't know how long it is going to take, it might take two minutes, I don't know but I am not going to set a time limit for myself. I don't know if I can fully get the grasp of this thing before now and next meeting.

Jones: I believe you can.

Palmisano: Well it may be the case that we can but I am not going to set a restriction upon myself, you know I would like to go ahead and just move that we take it under advisement and confer with staff and our Legal Department, period. And when we can meet with you we will and hopefully that will be between now and the next meeting. If not, then we will have to make other arrangements.

Hines: O.K. in other words we will take it under advisement, meet with

staff, get input from staff and then we will notify you as to the time and place of the meeting.

Jones: I thank you very much for your attention. I want you to understand I agree with Mr. Palmisano's suggestion even though it may be kind of putting my client in a bad position because you know if he comes along and he has to exercise some sort of legal rights, you wait till the alligator season in September or whenever they hatch the eggs it might be to late. But I don't mind, we think you all are people of good conscience and that you will sit down and work with us on this thing. Thank you.

Hines: Thank you Mr. Jones. Mr. Misso.

Misso: Dr. Hines, I think it would be in order just to make sure we have all the correct materials. I notted my head affirmatively, yes I have a letter and some other attachment from Mr. Jones. There were some things he referenced I am not sure was attached to that package and maybe we need to request that everything he has he would like yall to see that he either routes it to me at the office or here so that we can make sure that all the pieces of paper are in the packag.

Hines: Thank you, any further discussion.

Jones: I send you more if you want...

Van Sickle: Everything

Jones: I got a stack of papers. Would you send them what you send them to so I'll know is going on. Thank you.

Hines: O.K. All in favor of Mr. McCalls' motion say "I". No he altered it.

Hines: Any opposed.

Palmisano: I am opposed to Mr. McCalls' motion.

Hines: No, he altetered it, not to set a specific time.

Palmisano: I withdraw my objection.

Hines: O.K. to set the July meeting date. Calendar before me July 4th falls on a Tuesday, the first Thursday and Friday would be the 6th and 7th of July.

Palmisano: Mr. Chairman I would like to move that we set the July meeting the 6th and 7th at Rockefeller.

Jones: I second that.

Hines: Alright you want to meet at Rockefeller on the 6th and 7th of July, does anybody have any objection to that.

Bateman: That will be the Commission meeting when you ratify the Hunting Season dates, just need to make sure that people have notice.

Jenkins: Could I ask a question? Why do we want to meet at Rockefeller?

Hines: Well to get a chance to see the facility for one thing and the second thing I think we are going to set the alligator season at that time, it would be just a good place to do it.

Jenkins: Well O.K. I just think it would be a fairly inconvenient place for a lot of people if we are looking for a number of people.

Bateman: I don't know, I just wanted to make sure that yall are aware of that, seasons going to be set at that time to.

Hines: O.K. so that is done-meeting at Rockefeller. Let me just mention to the Commission two things for a matter of information. First of all at our last meeting we passed a resolution to ask our Congressional Delegation to help us on the export, prevent the export of live alligators and live alligators egg, and I have received correspondence from Senator John Breaux

and Senator Bennett Johnston saying that they have already begun looking into the matter for us and have contacted the Acting Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and ask that she give her personal attention to the concerns and oppossition expressed by the department and the commission and that they would report back to us as soon as they have some definite information. Both the gentlemen said approximately the same thing. Just bring that to you for information.

Van Sickle: Also we got a letter from President Bush regarding our letter to him on the Wallop-Breaux Cap, I will send yall a copy of it.

Hines: Any other business to come before the meeting



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TO: LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary of Wildlife and Fisheries
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As we have read, evaluated, and reread the Louisiana 1988-89 Wildlife and Fisheries recommendations, we are disappointed and at times outraged at what we perceive are deliberate attacks on our members and other dog hunters throughout the state. During the last two years we have tried to educate our hunters, improve the image of dog hunters and enhance our relations with other sports groups. Despite these efforts and the fact that we have only requested what we had in recent years in regards to hunting days, we have become the fall guys for others who have something to gain monetarily by eliminating us-namely the large timber companies who have found out that leasing their state taxpayer-subsidized land to rich hunting groups is profitable and another way to dictate their anti-dog hunting ideas.

Did we ask for too much? 1) We asked for the Thanksgiving holidays for dog hunters. When the "plan your vacation" clause was eliminated in this year's phamplet, we were told that would enable them to give us these holidays. Instead the biologists moved our opening days until the second Saturday in December. The excuse we were given was that still hunters would get Thanksgiving and dog hunters would have the Christmas holidays. In fact, still hunters get Thanksgiving AND the Christmas holidays. 2) We asked for Vernon and Beauregard to be open for dog hunters. It was not. 3) We backed a special muzzle-loading season, and at the same time more days were taken from dog hunters to establish it. This "special" season is being held after regular gun season has been opened!

We asked that before using dogs as the universal scapegoat, you substantiate that dogs are responsible for all the wrongs, immoral acts, deer population problems, and every other thing that is wrong with modern day deer hunting. None of the actions above are based on biological data that we have had the privilege of previewing.

We tried to take the proper steps in order to be considered favorably. We participated in the Deer Management Task Force at our own expense. Three public Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meetings were held, and there were written and oral statements given in dog hunters defense. It is painfully obvious that there was no consideration of the "public's" opinion during these meetings.

We, at this time, would like an explanation and feel as citizens of this state also, we deserve a better one than we have received up until now.

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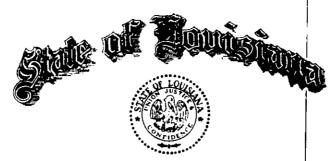
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FROM:

James Brantley, Fisheries Biologist

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SUBJECT:

Net Closure - Lake Bistineau

Enclosed is the request for an indefinite closure of Lake Bistineau to all nets.

James Brantley, Inland. Fisheries Biologist

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FISH DIVISION

LAKE BISTINEAU COMMERCIAL NETTING

REQUEST FOR CLOSURE

Lake Bistineau has been closed to all type of netting since January 1978. At that time several findings were brought to light and these findings are even more valid at the present. These findings include:

I. Commercial Fishery in Lake Bistineau

The catfishes (channel and flathead) are the most numerous of the commercial fishes in Lake Bistineau. In 1988 there was an average of 8.5 pounds of channel catfish and 14.7 pounds of flathead catfish per acre. It has already been demonstrated that these fish can readily be harvested by means other than netting (set lines, trotlines and slat traps). Fish population samples (rotenone) in 1988 indicate that no buffalo fishes of available size (16 inches and above) were recorded (See appendix). This is not to indicate that buffalo do not exist in Lake Bistineau, but rather that they do not exist in sufficient numbers to support a commercial fishery. The same can be said of the available size gar and freshwater drum. Again it must be stressed that this low number of fish will not support a commercial fishery.

II. Effects on Striped Bass Population

Since 1975, 1,599,965 striped bass fingerlings and 741,643 hybrid striped bass have been stocked in Lake Bistineau.

Several studies indicate that netting is detrimental to striped bass populations in reservoirs. Sidensticker (1976) concluded striped bass were highly susceptible to gill nets. He recommended that commercial gill netting should not be permitted in reservoirs stocked with valuable fish such as striped bass.

A study of the effects and efficiency of various size and types of netting on sport fish inLake Bistineau (1976-1980), showed striped bass are not only susceptible to gill, trammel and flag netting but that in 3, 3 1/2 and 4 inch bar mesh nets, striped bass comprised 42.2% of the total catch by number and 57.5% by weight (See Appendix-Tables 1-30). Striped bass also suffer a high mortality rate when caught in nets (95% or higher).

Most southeastern states recommend no commercial fishing in lakes where striped bass have been stocked.

III. Effects on Other Game Fish Populations

Lake Bistineau supports an excellent largemouth bass and crappie fishery. In the Lake Bistineau study mentioned above as much as 40% of the total catch was composed of largemouth bass and crappie. Mortality studies show that largemouth bass and crappie suffer almost total netting mortality (Sidensticker, 1976).

In 1977 an undercover enforcement operation on Lake Bistineau revealed there existed a large, well organized operation dealing in sport fish caught in commercial gear. As a result of this enforcement operation thirteen citations were issued with ten people being convicted for selling sport fish. This undercover operation led to the closing of Lake Bistineau to commercial netting. Since that time illegal netting and game fish selling operations have been minimal.

In summary, and for the reasons mentioned above, it is our opinion that Lake Bistineau should remain closed to all commercial netting.

James Brantley, Inland Fisheries Biologist 4/17/89

State of Louisiana



DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES POST OFFICE BOX 98000 BATON ROUGE, LA. 70898

April 25, 1989

BUDDY ROEMER GOVERNOR

MEMORANDUM

TO:

VIRGINIA VAN SICKLE

SECRETARY

Commissioners Bettsie Baker Don Puckett Barney Barrett

FROM:

Virginia Van Sickle

RE:

Letter from Gary Keyser

We should get together at the next Commission meeting to discuss this letter from Gary Keyser. Don, could this be discussed in executive session as it regards litigation? Also, please send a letter to Gary informing him that we will discuss the issue at the earliest possible date, after we consult with the Commission.

VVS/pc



WILLIAM J. GUSTE, JR. ATTORNEY GENERAL

State of Tonisiana

TELEPHONE (504) 342-7900

MEMORANDUM

TO:

MS. VIRGINIA VAN SICKLE, SECRETARY DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

FROM:

GARY L. KEYSER, CHIEF

LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION

DATE:

APRIL 20, 1989

SUBJECT:

IN THE MATTER OF THE DAMAGE ACTION AGAINST SHELL DREDGING COMPANIES FOR THE RECOVERY

OF FAIR MARKET VALUE ROYALTIES

As Ian Lindsey of this office discussed with Don Puckett today, the Attorney General has made the decision to go forward with a damage action against the shell dredging companies who paid unreasonably low royalties to the State over a long period of years.

We expect that the Sierra Club will join in this litigation aligned with and in support of the State of Louisiana.

It seems to me that if you and your department do not join the action at the outset on behalf of the State, you will be third-partied by the defendants claiming that the underpayment occurred as a result of policies of your department during previous administrations.

Would you please give consideration to this subject and contact me, Ian Lindsey or John Sheppard as soon as you have reached a decision.

GLK/jb

cc: John Sheppard Ian Lindsey Don Puckett 89 APR 24 P 2: 15

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VIRGINIA VAN SICKLE SECRETARY DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
DISTRICT VIII

400 ROYAL STREET
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130
PHONE (504) 568-5667

BUDDY ROEMER GOVERNOR

April 4, 1989

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Chairman, Commission Members, Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Undersecretary, Assistant Secretaries, Legal Councils, Chiefs, and Assistant Chiefs

FROM:

Snow Roberts, New Orleans District Office

SUBJECT:

Hotel Reservations for the 1989 Brown Shrimp Meeting and Regular Public Board Meeting on May 4 and 5, 1989 in New Orleans, La.

Room reservations have been reserved for you on the evening of May 4, at the Sheraton On The Lake, 3838 N. Causeway Blvd., Metairie, La. Due to several previously scheduled events at this time, rooms are becoming limited in the New Orleans Area.

Please contact me in advance, if possible, to cancel any reservations you may not need. This will allow me to transfer your reservations to someone else if necessary.

If you should need any additional information, please contact me at 504-568-7685 or Paula Callais at 504-765-2803.

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enclosure

cc: Paula Callais

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3838 N. CAUSEWAY BLVD. METAIRIE, LA 70002 TELEPHONE (504) 836-LAKE

DATE: 3/20/89

ARRIVAL DATE: 5/04/89 DEPARTURE DATE:

5/05/89

TO: VANSICKLE, VIRGINIA

NUMBER OF GUESTS:

DEPT OF WILDLIFE & FISHERIES 400 ROYAL ST

RATE PER NIGHT \$ 52.00 ACCOMMODATIONS REQUESTED: DOUBLE-DOUBLE

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YOUR CONFIRMATION NUMBER IS:

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RESERVATION GUARANTEED.

Dear Guest,

Above, please find the confirmation for your upcoming stay at our Hotel. We look forward to your arrival, and having the opportunity to serve you.

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Cancellation Policy: By 6 PM on arrival date a cancellation number must be obtained or will be billed.

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RED EYE BAY	37
HACKBERRY BAY	3
HATCHET LAKE (north side)	298
HATCHET LAKE (south side)	91
WEST CHAMPAGNE	51
BAY JOUNUS & BAYOU ANDREA	2
BAY PORPOISE	71
CAMINADA BAY	14
BEIWEEN POINT PEIRO & PANAMA POINT	10
MARTIGAN POINT	21
OFF GRAND BANKS BAYOU	155
CAT BAY	9
CRANE ISLAND	21
BIG ISLAND TO GRAND ISLE POINT	6
BARATARIA BAY CHANNEL	268
LAKE GRAND ECAILLE (channel)	21
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ERNEST CAROL TRAHAN

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E. GARNER NUNEZ

POLICE JURY

PARISH OF CAMERON

P. O. BOX 366

CAMERON, LOUISIANA 70651

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DISTRICT 1

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DISTRICT 3

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DISTRICT 5

DISTRICT 6

PRESIDENT





STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF CAMERON

WHEREAS, significant numbers of white shrimp have been found in Calcasieu Lake in recent days; and,

WHEREAS, the size of these white shrimp are ranging in size from 31-35 shrimp to the pound; and,

WHEREAS, the brown shrimp crop is running smaller than normal due to the cold spring weather experienced in March and April of 1989 and no significant harm will result if a special white shrimp season is allowed; and,

WHEREAS, the economy of Cameron parish and the commercial fishing industry is greatly suffering and the harvest of these white shrimp would assist us during a time of extreme economic hardship,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury urges and requests the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to grant a 3 day special white shrimp season in Calcasieu Lake to open at sunrise Monday, May 8, 1989 and close at sundown Wednesday, May 10, 1989.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this 2nd day of May, 1989.

APPROVED:

ERNEST CAROL TRAHAN, PRESI CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY

ATTEST:

HAYES P. PICOU, SR., SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION AT

ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, MAY 5, 1989

- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open shrimp seasons each year for all inside waters, and
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4. Provided that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall give a minimum of 72 hours notice prior to the closing of the 1989 spring inshore shrimp season or the opening or closing of any special shrimp season or season extensions.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

May 4-5, 1989

Chairman Don Hines presiding:

Thursday, May 4, 1989

James Jenkins, Jr.
Bert Jones
Norman McCall
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Chairman Don Hines presiding:

Friday, May 5, 1989

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Ms. Virginia Van Sickle was also present.

The minutes of the regular monthly meeting of April 6-7, 1989 were unanimously approved at Thursday's meeting with a motion from Mr. Palmisano and seconded by Mr. McCall.

Hugh Bateman presented a resolution to set the 1989-90 Resident Game Hunting Seasons. Mr. Bateman pointed out some significant changes from last year and presented a slide series. Mr. Palmisano moved to accept the resolution, seconded by Mr. McCall which was unanimously approved. Mr. Vinet requested an amendment to the turkey season, which was seconded by Mr. Jones and was unanimously approved. Mr. Palmisano offered an amendment to the deer season in Area 1, extend to the 16th with or without dogs and in Area 2 to January 3rd, with or without dogs, and Area 3 to January 3rd which was seconded by Mr. McCall and passed unanimously.

(The full text of the resolution is made a part of the record)

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and

possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by RS. 56:115(A), and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information and requests from sportsmen of the state, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Quail: Nov. 23-Feb. 28. Daily bag limit 10, possession 20. Rabbit: October 7-Feb. 28. Daily bag limit 8, possession 16. Squirrel: Oct. 7-Jan. 14. Daily bag limit 8, possession 16.

Deer: One per day. 6 per season

Area 1 - 56 days

9 days still hunt only: Nov. 18-26

7 days still hunt only: Dec. 2-8 (muzzleloader only)

40 days with or without dogs: Dec. 9-Jan. 17

Area 2 - 56 days

23 days still hunt only: Nov. 4-26

7 days still hunt only: Dec. 2-8 (muzzleloader only)

26 days with or without dogs: Dec. 9-Jan. 3

Area 3 - 56 days

23 days still hunt only: Nov. 4-26

7 days still hunt only: Dec. 2-8 (muzzleloader only)

26 days still hunt only: Dec. 9-Jan. 3

Area 4 - 46 days

9 days still hunt only: Nov. 18-26

7 days still hunt only: Dec. 2-8 (muzzleloader only)

30 days still hunt only: Dec. 9-Jan. 7

Area 5 - 16 days

9 days still hunt only: Nov. 18-26

7 days still hunt only: Dec. 2-8 (muzzleloader only)

Turkey: One per day. 3 per season

Area A - 30 days. Mar. 31-Apr. 29

Area B - 37 days. Mar. 17-Apr. 22

Area C - 9 days. Apr. 21-29

At Thursday's meeting Mr. Richard Yancey commented on the turkey season to keep it the same as it has been, John Barton also commented on

Area B of the turkey season. Mr. David Ellis asked the Commission to leave the turkey season as is. Mr. Martin Wood supported the request that the season remain as it always has been. Mr. John Kean also spoke in favor that the season be left alone. Mr. Bert Shiflet, a biologist who works in Area B and C stated that the season should remain the same. Mr. David Walker spoke in behalf of leaving the season as it is.

Mrs. Van Sickle stated that the Wild Turkey Federation requested that we have a later season. Danny Timmer stated that as much hunting opportunity as the population could stand should be provided.

Mr. Rick Woodley, Southeast representative for the Still Hunters Association stated that he heard there will be a survey conducted this year to determine how many dog hunters and still hunters there are. He had a petition from the Association. Mr. Jay Walker from Houma also had a petition to add to the names that he presented. Mr. Happy Tyler, President of the Louisiana Dog Hunters Association read a letter that he wanted to present to the Commission. He requested that the dog hunters have the Friday after Thanksgiving. Mr. David Dawson from Plaquemines Parish stated that the deer herd in the parish is better since dog hunting has been stopped, asked for trial night hunting in Salvador for frogs and to print in the pamphlet that it is a federal offense to kill birds of prey.

Corky Perret presented a resolution to open the inshore shrimp season. Mr. Palmisano read the resolution, seconded by Mr. Jones and was unanimously approved.

(The full text of the resolution is made a part of the record)

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Phil Bowman presented a Notice of Intent to modify the proposed rules for bait shrimping. The maximum permits issued is thirty. Mr. Vinet made a motion to approve the Notice of Intent, seconded by Mr. McCall and passed unanimously.

(The full text of the Notice of Intent is made a part of the record)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:950), and R.S. 56:497(C), the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission is hereby giving notice of its intention to adopt rules and regulations for a special bait dealer's permit which will allow the taking of live bait shrimp by qualified permit holders during the closed season between the spring and fall shrimp seasons.

A. Policy

The special bait dealer's permit is intended solely for the benefit of the recreational fishing public which desires to use live shrimp as bait during the closed season between the spring and fall shrimp season. Its purpose is to allow the uninterrupted operation of those commercial establishments which sell live bait shrimp to the fishing public during the spring and fall shrimp season. The permit is not intended for the direct use of recreational fishermen, charter boats, commercial fishermen who sell dead shrimp, or for any other entity which may wish to catch shrimp for their own use during the closed season.

B. Application

- 1. Application for the special bait dealer's permit will be accepted from January 1 through April 30.
- 2. Application will be accepted only from the owner of an existing business which sells or plans to sell live bait to recreational fishermen.
- 3. Application must be made on forms provided by the Department; all information requested must be provided before the application will be processed.
- 4. Applicant must show proof of having acquired all necessary licenses and permits before the permit will be issued. This included, if relevant, boat registration, vessel license, gear license, commercial fishing licenses, wholesale/retail dealers license, state sales tax number.
- 5. Applicant must post a \$1,000 cash bond or surety bond before the permit is issued. This bond will be forfeited if the permittee, his employee, or his contractor violates any provision of the rules and regulations concerning the special bait dealer's permit or if the permittee, his employee, or his contractor violates any commercial fishing law or regulation while operating under the permit. Property bonds are not acceptable.

- 6. Before the permit is issued an agent of the Department must inspect the facilities of the applicant and verify that the applicant is operating a commercial establishment which sells live shrimp to the fishing public for use as bait, and that the applicant does have the facilities to maintain live shrimp. Notice to the public must be posted that live bait shrimp are available for sale. The applicant must have onshore facilities, including tanks with a minimum capacity of 500 gallons, available to hold live shrimp. These tanks must have provisions for aeration and/or circulation of the water in which live shrimp are held prior to sale. In determining total tank capacity of onshore facilities, the agent shall not count any tank with a capacity of less than 50 gallons.
- 7. Only the applicant, his designated employee, or his contractor may operate under the permit. If the applicant has a contract with another party who will supply live bait shrimp to him, he must provide the Department written evidence of the agreement. At the time of application, the applicant will specify who will be working under the permit. Should these persons change, the aplicant will notify the Department in the manner specified by the permit before the new vessel or persons operate under the permit. The permit is not transferrable to any other person or vessel without previous notification to the Department in the manner specified by the permit.
- 8. Vessel operations under this permit shall be limited to areas specified by the Department in the permit. The applicant shall specify in his application the area in which he would like to operate.

C. Operations

- 1. Only the vessel listed in the permit can be used under the permit. Live wells, aeration tanks, and other vessel facilities to maintain live shrimp must be carried on or built into this vessel; it must be used for both taking and transporting the live shrimp. The vessel must have a minimum of one compartment or tank with a capacity of 50 gallons. No other vessel may be used under the permit. Signs which identify the vessel as working under a special bait dealer's permit shall be posted on the vessel and from the air; the word "BAIT" and the permit number shall be placed on these signs in letters at least 12 inches high.
- 2. Permitted gear is limited to one (1) trawl not to exceed 25 feet along the cork line; 33 feet along the lead line. This is the only gear which can be used or carried aboard the permitted vessel while the vessel is operating under permit; no other commercial fishing gear may be on the vessel when it is being used under permit.
- 3. No dead shrimp may be aboard the vessel while it is operating under the permit. All dead shrimp and all other organisms caught

while taking live bait shrimp must be immediately returned to the water. Shrimp dying in onshore holding facilities may be sold for bait use only, in lots not to exceed 16 ounces in weight.

- 4. Bait shrimp may be taken only from sunrise to sunset; no night fishing is allowed under this permit.
- 5. The original permit must be in the possession of the person operating the vessel while it is engaged in taking shrimp under the terms of the permit.
- 6. Each time the permit is used the permittee must notify the Department in the manner specified by the permit. Before the vessel departs the dock under permit the Department must be advised of the time of departure and the general location in which trawling will take place; immediately after the permitted vessel returns to the dock the Department must be notified of its time of return.
- 7. The permittee shall maintain an up-to-date record of the activities conducted under permit on forms provided by the Department for that purpose. These forms shall be available for inspection by agents of the Department upon request by said agents. Permittee will submit to the Department, not later than September 1, the record of shrimp harvested under permit.

Bennie Fontenot presented a rule to ratify the SCUBA Gamefish regulation for Toledo Bend. Mr. Vinet made a motion to approve the rule, seconded by Mr. Jenkins which passed unanimously.

(The full text of the rule is made a part of the record)

Pursuant to the authority granted under Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 56, Section 320(E), the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby continues the special SCUBA gamefish season at Toledo Bend Reservoir, but deletes black bass from the list of gamefish eligible to be taken. The rules regulating the special scuba gamefish season as amended and re-enacted by the Commission are as follows:

- (1) The special season shall be limited to Toledo Bend Reservoir, and only in that part of the lake located south of Highway 6 (Pendleton Bridge) on the Louisiana side.
- (2) The special season shall be for four months beginning at sunrise on the first day of June and ending at sunset on the last day of September each year.
- (3) The taking of gamefish species shall be permitted during daylight hours only from sunrise to sunset.
- (4) Each diver harvesting gamefish is required to have a special permit issued by the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of

Wildlife and Fisheries, and the permit must be available for inspection upon request.

- (5) In addition to the special permit, the permit holder must have a valid Louisiana sportsfishing license.
- (6) Crappie and bream shall be the only gamefish species allowed to be taken.
- (7) The daily creel limit shall be 25 crappie and 50 bream; the possession limit shall be the same as the daily creel limit.
- (8) The scuba diver must be submerged in the water and use only standard underwater spearing equipment.
- (9) No permitted diver shall have in his possession (vessel or on his person) any other fishing gear.
- (10) Each permit holder shall submit to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a monthly report of gamefish taken, and other information requested on the forms supplied by the Department; the report deadline for a specific month shall on the 15th of the following month. All reports should be sent to Bennie Fontenot, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P. O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898. Each permit holder must submit the monthly report whether they fish or not.
- (11) A legal diving flag shall be conspicuously displayed while diving operations are taking place.
- (12) Permits will expire at the end of each season and shall be renewed on an annual basis.
- (13) Failure of the permittee to adhere to any of the above stipulations shall result in the revocation of the permit by the Secretary of the Department.
- (14) The Secretary of the Department shall be authorized to recall permits and/or to close the special season if deemed necessary.

Bennie Fontenot also presented a Notice of Intent to prohibit the use of fish nets in Lake Bistineau. Mr. Jones moved to accept the Notice of Intent, seconded by Mr. Jenkins which was unanimously approved.

(The full text of the Notice of Intent is made a part of the record)

Pursuant to the authority granted under Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 56, Section 22, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby expresses intent to prohibit the use of fish nets (gill nets, trammel nets, hoop nets, fish seines) in Lake Bistineau, Bossier and Webster Parishes, Louisiana. The net ban will become effective August 1, 1989.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proosed rule until 4:30 PM, July 14, 1989 at the following address: Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P. O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

At Friday's meeting Dr. Jerry Clark presented the fisher ies management plans update to the Commission. Dr. Clark stated that the Department is currently working on three plans: Largemouth Bass Plan, target date of January 1, 1990, a Black Drum Plan January 1, 1990, and we have currently submitted a MARFIN proposal to the National Marine Fisheries Service to fund a Shrimp Plan with a two year date. Related to these plans is a a statewide survey for recreational fishermen will be conducted. The survey will consist of attitudes and opinions, find out what people are doing in this state, what they want to do and how they are doing it and sometime in this calendar year we will begin the statewide survey to help implement the plans that we have. In addition to attitudes and opinions the survey will find out what people are fishing for, what their predominent species selections are, the kind of people that they are socialogical, how much economic impact they are having on the state, expenditure's, gear that is being used, what they believe should be appropriate management tools that we use and what their preferences are with respect to those kind of tools. We are going to try to find out as much as we can about the people who fish in the state and what they think about fishing in the state. proposed to do an anonymous mail survey. The technique's for soliciting responses may vary; it will be a varied sort of questionnaire. questionnaire will be about 6-8 pages and questions will be from the exact age and family income to questions about do you strongly agree or disagree to questions like can you explain the qualities of the best fishing trip that you ever had and the qualities of the worst fishing trip you ever had.

Previous surveys that Dr. Clark has initiated 75 percent response was received which is remarkable. The response showed that people care about fishing and the experience with these surveys have been very positive. There are a lot of reasons why people go fishing. Dr. Clark stated that the shrimp fishery is probably the most complex fishery we have in the state and a suggestion was made to do some economic analysis. The same kind of survey will be conducted on commercial fisheries. Most shrimpers who do this for a living would not mind paying more for a shrimp license in order to get better knowledge of what is going on in the shrimping industry.

Mrs. Van Sickle stated that the book that she passed out to each Commission member from the Fish and Wildlife Service. An unbiased source stated that 37 percent of the residents in Louisiana, six years and older, either hunt or fish. The contribution to the economy of those 16 years and older just for fishing and direct expenditures is \$597,000,000 and the contribution of hunting expenditures alone is \$326,000,000.

Mr. Bert Jones brought up the question about Caney Lake, which is a new reservoir. The Jackson Parish Watershed Commission passed a resolution to mandate rules on the lake. The Watershed Commission would like for the Department to acknowledge that they are able to do this and enforce their laws. He requested the status of this.

Bennie Fontenot stated that the Department is trying to establish a strong Florida bass population and a study is being made. He stated that the Department has enough data in the two-year study. The Commission has

the authority to set limits if a research project will be conducted on the Lake or on border lakes to enter into reciprocal agreements.

Mrs. Van Sickle said that the Department has a bill that has been submitted to the Legislature that would give the Commission the authority to set creel limits, size limits, bag limits, seasons, quotas, elevelying for freshwater fish.

At Thursday's meeting Ms. Bettsie Baker presented the quarterly budget update. She stated as a preface to this the Wildlife Federation asked that the Department submit a quarterly update on the budget and it was decided to present this update to the Commission. Each Commission member was provided with a compilation showing the scrubbed budget.

At Thursday's meeting Winton Vidrine presented the law enforcement report for the month of April, 1989 and discussed each Region. When compared with April of last year there was an increase of a thousand cases.

Dr. Hines presented a resolution to amend the Bylaws of the Commission. Mr. Jenkins moved that the resolution be accepted, seconded by Mr. McCall and was unanimously approved.

(The full text of the resolution is made a part of the record)

- WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission were adopted on Tuesday, May 20, 1980, and
- WHEREAS, there have been changes such as the location of the principle office, and
- WHEREAS, the Bylaws require that a Notice of Intent to amend or alter the said Bylaws must be given in writing at a previous meeting of the

Commission and that such proposed amendments shall be delivered at least 48 hours prior to consideration or action thereon, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that notice is given that the Commission shall consider amending its Bylaws at the next regularly scheduled meeting and that proper advance copies of proposed changes be delivered to each Commissioner at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at which they will be considered.

Mr. J. B. Jones, Jr., lawyer from Cameron Parish represented Mr. Bob Perkins pertaining to a contract for a certain number of alligator hatchlings each year which was entered into with the Commission and Mr. Jones requested that the Commission act on this today. Mr. McCall made a motion to take this matter under advisement, get the material, look at it and meet before the next meeting. Mr. Palmisano seconded the motion and asked for a substitute motion to go ahead and take it under advisement and confer with the staff and the Legal Section with no time limit. Mr. McCall altered his motion, not to set a time limit. The motion passed unanimously.

The July meeting date was set for Thursday and Friday, July 6-7, 1989 at the Rockefeller Refuge in Grand Chenier with a motion from Mr. Palmisano. After some discussion it was decided to meet at Rockefeller.

Mr. McCall stated that there is a request for a special three day white shrimp season in Calcasieu Lake and he asked to hear from the biologists.

Corky Perret stated that when there is a substantial number of white shrimp a short season is recommended. When an early season is set for white shrimp they cannot be mixed in with brown shrimp. It was recommended

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at this time not to have a special white shrimp season. Mr. McCall moved that if the biological and technical data will support then the Secretary would have the authority with the concurrence of the Commission to set a special white shrimp season, seconded by Mr. Jones and passed unanimously.

Mr. Palmisano requested of the Game Division what effect, and we have a year to do it before we set the next hunting season or hold the public hearings, does dog hunting have on the deer population? He stated that he would like a study done.

Dr. Hines asked about the Saline Lake road. Bennie Fontenot said that the Legal Section had taken care of this and he would check and notify him on Monday.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion from Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Palmisano which was unanimous.

Virginia Van Sickle Secretary